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THE CUP DEFENDER

Will Be Larger Than Constitution or Columbia—Nat Herreshoff Confident.

New York, Dec. 26.—Latest advices to the Tribune from Bristol, R. I., where the new keel sloop is being built to try issues with the Constitution and Columbia for the defence of the America cup, show that extra care is being taken in the plating of the lead keel.

Tobin bronze plates have been snugly fitted to the lead and secured to it by hundreds of screws. The edges of the plates butt so snugly that they form an absolutely smooth surface, it is said. The work is regarded as the best ever seen on the keel of a cup yacht.

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Those who are in close touch with Capt. "Nat" Herreshoff say they never saw him so confident as now. He firmly believes that he has designed a boat that will beat Columbia and Constitution easily.

From the water line up, it is said, the plans of the new boat show a slight "tumble home," which means that her beam will be greater at the water line than on deck.

The new boat has a longer keel than either Constitution or Columbia, and she is also to be a trifle longer over all. Her floor will be flatter and her bilges rounder than those of the other two.

Advices from Askabad, Russian Turkestan, says that in the country around Andijan eleven villages are in ruins, a result of the recent earthquakes, and that fully 6,000 houses have been destroyed in these scattered settlements.

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HOPE ABANDONED.

Men Buried by Snowslide at Molly Gibson Mine Are Probably Dead.

(Associated Press.)

Nelson, Dec. 29.—Further particulars regarding the disaster at the Molly Gibson mine substantially confirm the account given yesterday. All hope, however, of the safety of the eight men who were then unaccounted for must be abandoned. The relief party which left Nelson on Friday afternoon, when last seen by the Daily News representative at 10.30 p. m. yesterday, was still 400 feet below the mine and would have hard work to reach it before dusk, as the depth of snow makes an almost insurmountable obstacle.

McLaughlin, who had his leg and shoulder broken, was brought down in a bucket from the tunnel yesterday to the lower terminal, where the bones were set by Dr. Hawkey, and the sufferer brought on to Nelson for further treatment.

Four of the men who had escaped are still huddled in the tunnel without clothing or food, beyond some underwear, but will probably be got down this morning by the relief party. It is unlikely that any of the bodies can be reached before Monday.

The buildings were worse wrecked than thought yesterday, and the office, which was believed to have escaped, proved to have the roof gone and one wall and a portion of another gone.

The roof of the stables had also been ripped off, but the two horses are safe, although without food. The blacksmith shop was wrecked and the entrance to the No. 4 tunnel caved and is blocked with debris.

THE HUMBERTS ARE SAFE IN PRISON

POLICE PRECAUTIONS AT FRENCH CAPITAL

Large Force of Military on Duty at Station to Prevent Any Demonstration.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 29.—The members of the Humbert family, who were recently arrested in Madrid in connection with the great safe frauds in this city, arrived at the Orleans railroad station here at 7:40 o'clock this morning. There was no demonstration. The prisoners were conducted to the conciergerie prison.

The arrival of the famous fugitives was devoid of sensational incidents, as the French police had chosen an hour for their return when Paris was only half awake. The crowd at the railroad station was comparatively small, but a large force of police and soldiers, mounted and on foot, was drawn up in front of the station and guarded all the street approaches in order to prevent the possibility of a popular demonstration. A number of the chief functionaries of the prefecture were on hand to personally superintend the prisoners' arrival.

The men and women of the Humbert party were kept separate during the trip from Madrid to Paris, and they were brought from the train in two separate parties. The women came first, leaning on the arms of officers. Madame Humbert was dressed in black and was veiled, but she was readily recognized by her stout figure. Her young daughter Eva was the most pathetic looking of the women. Madame Humbert was followed by her weeping sister Marie, who played the leading role in Madame Humbert's fabric. Mlle. Marie did not show the bravado which she exhibited at Madrid, but was pale and appears to be disconsolate. Frederick Humbert, Madame Humbert's husband, looked completely broken down. Romaine D'Aurignance and his wife Emile maintained the calm attitude they had shown throughout.

The party passed through double lines of police to the carriages in waiting. Detachments of mounted police officers preceded the vehicles, which were driven at a rapid pace through the gathering crowds to the conciergerie, where minute preparations had been made to receive the prisoners.

The return of the Humberts to Paris is the absorbing topic for discussion throughout the city, indeed throughout France, as no event since the return of Dreyfus has aroused such intense interest. All classes are unusually interested as the Humberts' operations were so colossal and so interwoven with the foremost personages in France that their return was viewed with apprehension and awe. Crowds from all parts of the city were ready to assemble at the station and give the prisoners a disorderly reception, but the secrecy of the police baffled the plans of the mobs and permitted the Humberts to be landed silently and swiftly inside the grey walled conciergerie. During the morning a crowd gathered in front of the prison but detachments of police prevented any disorder.

The present surroundings of the prisoners are in striking contrast with the magnificence of their former palatial residence on the Avenue De La Grande Armee, where for a quarter of a century the Humberts entertained cabinet ministers and Presidents and swayed French finances.

The public had doubted the sincerity of the government in everything to bring back the fugitives, owing to the political and social shock which was sure to follow, but the arrival of the prisoners is now generally accepted as showing the purpose of the authorities to spare no means for the prosecution and punishment of the accused. The choice of the conciergerie as their place of confinement is a further indication that swift justice will be meted out as the prison is part of the Palace of Justice, where only prisoners awaiting immediate trial are confined.

The plans for the prosecution of the Humberts have not yet been announced.

Owing to the belief of the authorities that Eva Humbert was an innocent victim of her mother's operations, they proposed to entrust her to the custody of her grandmother, Madame Gustave Humbert, widow of the former minister of justice, in the De Freycinet cabinet, but Eva positively declined the proposal, declaring her purpose to remain with her mother in prison. The attitude of the girl excites universal compassion.

BURRARD VACANCY.

Election Will Probably Take Place About January 15th.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—The writ for the election of a representative for Burrard has arrived, and the dates of the nomination and polling will be announced tomorrow. The election will probably be about January 15th.

BOOK STORE BURNED.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Bagshaw's book store and stock, on Saskatchewan avenue, Portage la Prairie, were totally destroyed by fire at midnight. The loss is $10,000, and insurance $6,000.

AGRICULTURE.

Interesting Returns Issued by Census Department Regarding British Columbia—Greeting From Roosevelt.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The Governor-General has received a private telegram from the President of the United States conveying best wishes for the New Year to himself and Lady Minto, and expressing "an earnest hope for the welfare and prosperity of Canada."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is expected here about the end of next week. Until he arrives nothing will be done about the meeting of parliament.

Mayor Cook was re-elected to-day by acclamation.

W. A. Galliher, M.P., arrived to-day. He is the advance guard for the delegation that will reach here to ask for increased duty on lead and lead products, so as to protect the Canadian industry.

The census department issued to-day a bulletin on agriculture in British Columbia. The land in farms comprises 31.59 per cent. in an improved, and 68.41 in an unimproved state. The unimproved lands consist of 391,096 acres in forest and 632,649 acres in various conditions. The total value of farm property is $32,465,512. The total value of farm products is $3,479,683 for crops, and $2,740,079 for animal products, making 19.16 per cent. on the investment on the average farm, or a little higher than is shown in the state of Washington and Idaho. The rate of wages is 2½ times higher than in Prince Edward Island.

LOST DURING STORM.

Search Parties Unable to Find William Duffield, Who Went Amissing on Tuesday.

(Associated Press.)

Arcola, N.W.T., Dec. 29.—William Duffield, of Hartney, Man., who was homesteading section 2,881, got lost in the storm last Tuesday while going from a neighbor's house to his own, about 600 yards distant. Search parties have been unable to find him, and it is feared he must have perished as the cold was very great. He had several hundred dollars on his person when lost.

IT WAS SHOCKING.

Japanese Bathers Found Water Very Peculiar—It Certainly Shocked Them.

An electric bath is both a novelty and a luxury, but the circumstances attending its introduction in this city make it more of the former than the latter. It was experienced (it cannot be said enjoyed) by a number of little men from Mikadoland who will hereafter investigate before they cast themselves into the depths of a bathtub. Last Saturday night they decided to patronize the newly-installed baths in a building on Flagard street, near Store, doubtless so that they might be spick and span on Sunday. By this it will be seen that the Japanese, quick to imbibe European ideas, have copied the Occidental bath night.

Everything was in readiness, the tubs were nicely prepared for their reception, and each enthusiast from the land of the chrysanthemum gazed fondly on the heaving bosom of the miniature ocean before him. Simultaneously they all leaped in, and suddenly the whole neighborhood was startled by a chorus of yells which would have turned Sitting Bull's leather-lunged disciples green with envy and struck terror to the soul of the most bloodthirsty Maori. There was a general scramble, and the bathers emerged from their apartments on the run. Some of them never stopped until they reached the police station, where a tale of sorcery, witchcraft, voodooism and others isms was poured into the ears of the sympathetic guardians of the peace.

The detectives and several officers hastened to the scene of the mystery and soon solved it. It appears that through a slight defect in the electrical equipment of the place a current was transferred to the pipe, the magic force speeding merrily to the faucets in the bath tubs, where it awaited its victims. When the bathers, standing in the water, caught hold to turn on the cold water they received a shock which, while not especially severe, caused them to describe a few acrobatic figures never learned in a Japanese gymnasium. The police officers also experimented with the water and faucets, and received a few life-giving jolts. Electricity is recognized by physicians to be a potent factor in therapeutics, but it is hardly likely that the police authorities will equip their baths with an apparatus of this sort.

Before the matter was investigated it was softly insinuated that possibly it was the shock of the warm water which alarmed the Oriental bathers, but the latter indignantly repudiated the suggestion. It was, they insisted, something sharp in the water and they couldn't understand it.

PERSONAL.

J. L. Campbell, of Manitoba, is visiting the city, accompanied by Mrs. Campbell and two children. Mr. Campbell was in Victoria this summer, and is among the many who were charmed with the beauties of the city at that season of the year. He will remain here a few days before leaving for southern California on a pleasure trip. It is the intention of the party to make the return trip by the Southern Pacific.

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Among the guests at the Victoria hotel are: W. R. Lord, canneryman, of Vancouver; P. R. Fleming, purser of the steamer Tees; T. Munn, of Chemainus; T. W. Templer, of Cloverdale; D. McGillivery, of Duncans; J. C. Carruthers, of Nelson, B. C.; W. B. Bedwell, of Tacoma; and Mrs. Stephens, of Bellingwood.

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R. B. McMicking, Dr. Morrison, J. E. Bowes, H. McLean, Thos. Dunn and Miss Dunn were among last night's passengers from the Mainland.

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Chas. E. Burch and wife, of Seattle; F. J. Skinner, of Vancouver; and H. Ferguson, of Moose Jaw, are at the Dominion.

R. C. Watterson and wife, of Toronto, and J. McGown, of Vancouver, are guests at the Vernon.

Wm. Armstrong and wife, of Seattle, are spending some days in this city, guests at the Dominion.

Jas. R. Webster, of Vancouver, and J. B. Gordon, of Whatcom, are at the Imperial.

R. L. Billings and D. Cameron, of Winnipeg, are registered at the Driard.

A. B. Conners and Mrs. M. Dixson, of San Francisco, are at the Imperial.

G. Dunn and the Misses Dunn, of Vancouver, are at the Driard.

H. McLean, contractor, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion.

James Genelle, of Nakusp, is staying at the Vernon.

A BIG FLEET OF ORIENTAL LINERS

TARTAR MADE PORT ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Catch of Japan Sealers—The Western Union's Cable Repairs—Miowera's Condition Discussed.

At the rate Victoria's connection with the Orient has increased in the last few years, it should not be long before there is almost a daily departure for points in the Far East. Indeed, some periods during the year, extending for a week at a time, this record has been about reached already. During the next 48 hours the record will even be eclipsed.

The Tartar, which arrived on Saturday night, is to be followed by the Empress of India in port. That ship is to leave for China and Japan this evening, to-morrow the Biojun Maru will be here on her way out to the Orient, while the Glenogle, of the Northern Pacific line, and the Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, are both expected from across the Pacific the same day.

The Tartar brought a cargo comprising 2,649 tons of general freight. Out of 57 Chinese and two Japanese passengers, ten of the former were landed at Victoria. She brought among her saloon passengers Mr. and Mrs. McLean and Messrs. Guiness and Burns. Mr. McLean is deputy attorney-general, who, with his bride, left on a honeymoon tour to Japan in October last. They had intended returning on the Empress of India, but owing to the illness of Mrs. McLean the trip was postponed.

According to mail advices received by the Tartar the total catch of the Japanese sealers for the season was 9,780 skins. This represents the work of 19 vessels, whose catches ran between 9 and 954 skins. It might here be mentioned that the largest catch obtained by a Victoria schooner in the same waters was 832 skins, and the smallest 232. Three of the Japanese schooners were lost and one is missing, and is supposed to have foundered.

Japan papers deny the statement published in San Francisco and afterwards republished here by the morning paper regarding Japanese warships being stationed at Esquimalt. They say that the Japanese naval officials contemplated nothing of the kind.

The Tokyo Asahi publishes a telegram from Hongkong stating that the steamer Bunstang has come into collision with the steamer Kirangyan in the Malacca Straits and the Kinangyan was sunk, 80 sailors and passengers being missing.

Dispatches from Hakodate report that an outbreak of fire occurred on board the Iwannai Steamship Co.'s steamer Hokuun Maru and the vessel was sunk, 18 of the crew losing their lives.

An Associated Press letter from Tokio, under date of December 13th, reports that on December 11th an extensive landslide took place in the Hoshu colliery in Fukuoka prefecture, and and more than 200 miners, who were in the mine at the time, were entombed. The work of rescue was at once started, and five hours after the landslide a connection was reestablished. Particulars as to the personal casualties are not yet known.

The death of Count Sano took place in Tokyo on December 7th in the 81st year of his age. The Count, who was a privy councillor at the time of his death, was the founder of the Japan Red Cross Society, and the Fine Arts Society. At one time the Count represented Japan in Italy and Austria-Hungary, while at another he was minister of finance. In 1887 he was made a Viscount and afterwards raised to the rank of Count.

The report that the United States government will impose a duty of ten cents a pound on tea now held in bond even though withdrawal may not take place until after January 1st, when the duty is removed on new arrivals, has caused some consternation among tea men in town, says a Yokohama message. It is possible, however, that the tea merchants, jobbers, grocers and others entrusted may be able to induce the government to withhold such action, which has come upon the market like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky.

THE DREDGER RELEASED.

A new Westminster dispatch says: "The dredger King Edward has been released from her position in Hope Slough, and accompanied by the snag boat Samson has arrived at the Royal City. It will be remembered that some time ago when the dredger was dredging out a channel in Hope Slough, the banks caved in behind her, and she was shut in fast. Efforts to relieve her have been going on ever since, but were only brought to a successful conclusion on Friday. The dredger will undergo some needed repairs before resuming work."

CABLE REPAIRED.

Tug Albion, which during the greater part of last week has been employed in the repair work of the Western Union cable, completed her labors on Saturday afternoon. The cable has been out of business since the morning of the 16th, and until Saturday afternoon no messages had been sent across it. Until the cable had been examined it was supposed that the line had been severed by the anchor of some sailing vessel that had been lying in the Royal Roads. To effect repairs four experts had to be sent for, namely, D. R. Davies, of Chicago; T. W. Golding, of Seattle; T. P. Smith, of San Francisco, and J. McDonald, of Tacoma. Until these men reached Victoria nothing could be done towards reestablishing the cable connection. Finally it was discovered that a damaged portion of the cable lay where a splice had been made. The conductors had been broken, but the armor surrounding them had not parted. Farther along the cable, however, were the marks of some ship's anchor, explaining the cause of the trouble. The Albion with a barge was engaged on the work for five days.

AN ABANDONED VESSEL.

The British ship Afghanistan reported on arrival at San Francisco last week that a four-masted barque, name and nationality unknown, is aground and abandoned on the north shore of Terra del Fuego, about 30 miles from San Diego point.

A San Francisco dispatch adds: "The abandoned vessel was painted with some dark colors. Her spars were white and intact. The boats were gone and the sails appeared to have been unbent. No signals were set and no flag was in sight. Capt. Craigie sighted the wreck on November 1st, and gives his position at the time as 54.41 south, 65.56 west. The description of the wreck fits a number of overdue vessels. Among them is the German barque Paul Rickmers, 207 days from Bangkok for Germany; the German ship Columbia, 201 days from Philadelphia for Hiogo, and the British ship Crompton, which sailed from here Semptember 14th for Liverpool."

MIOWERA'S CONDITION

In response to representations made by the Australian parliament by Mr. Whiddon and other members relative to the alleged unseaworthy condition of the steamer Miowera, belonging to the Canadian-Australian line, there was recently laid on the table of the assembly the report of the chief engineer surveyor, J. Shirra. He stated most emphatically that, in his opinion, and in that of his assistant, the vessel and her machinery are thoroughly sound and seaworthy. She is quite fit not only for the ordinary sea voyage, but apparently also for the heavy freight carrying trade in which she is engaged. The chief engineers adds that the usual defects naturally developed in the long high speed runs across the Pacific are invariably repaired in a thoroughly satisfactory manner during her stays in port.

RACED FROM HONOLULU.

Four steamers carrying mail left Honolulu for San Francisco and Victoria between noon of December 17th and the following night, and there was much speculation in the island port as to which would arrive first. The Zealandia left Honolulu at noon on the 17th for San Francisco, and the Nevadan at 6 o'clock the following morning. The Moana left at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the 17th for Victoria. The steamship Coptic's leaving hour from Honolulu was 6 o'clock on the evening of the 18th. She arrived on Christmas evening, and the San Francisco Chronicle states beat the other three. In this the paper is mistaken, for the Moana reached here the same evening.

YEDDO FROM VALPARAISO.

The British steamship Yeddo arrived in the Royal Roads on Saturday night. The vessel brought a general cargo of merchandise to Valparaiso from Glasgow, and came on here to load at Tacoma. Finding that he still has a month to spare before loading at the City of Destiny, the captain hopes to be able to procure a charter for coal, and if successful will probably make one or two voyages to San Francisco.

MARINE NOTES.

H. M. S. Amphion, Capt. John Casement, arrived at Panama from Esquimalt on Wednesday in relief of H. M. S. Phaeton, Capt. Edgar J. Fleet, which has been doing guard duty there since the Colombian troubles arose. The Phaeton will proceed to Coquimbo Bay to wait the arrival of the Flora, Capt. Casper J. Baker, which is to replace her on the station, as already announced.

It is now stated that the British steamer Foreric, which is now discharging her cargo of raw sugar at Vancouver, has secured a charter rate of 42s. 6d. for lumber from Puget Sound to China. The charterers are the Eddy Falk & American Trading Company. The steamer will load part of her cargo at Port Blakeley and part at Port Gamble.

Collector Stratton, of San Francisco, has granted the application of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to transfer the crew of the steamer Peru to the steamer City of Pekin, and many are of the opinion that once again the Chinese Exclusion Act has been violated.

The American tug Raven, which ran aground and foundered off the east coast of Vancouver Island, has been purchased by Capt. Mayor, who will put her into commission for general towage purposes.

The C. P. R. bulletin announces the arrival of the steamer Bavarian at Halifax at 9.30 on Sunday morning.

DEATH TO TYPHOID GERMS.

Experiments With Lemon Juice Have Proved Successful.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—That lemon juice will destroy the typhoid germs in water is authoritatively announced by the Chicago health department after careful experiments extending over the last three days. One teaspoonful of the juice to half a glass of water is known to be a good combination, and repeated trials have invariably produced the same result, every germ was killed. The investigation followed, and their result confirms the announcement made on Christmas Day by Dr. Asa Ferguson, a London physician, to the effect that lemon juice was a deadly foe to typhoid.

PREPARING FOR CORONATION DURBAR

THE VICEROY HAS ARRIVED AT DELHI

Lord and Lady Curzon Rode Into City on Elephant Decked With Silver and Gold.

(Associated Press.)

Delhi, India, Dec. 29.—The Viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, made his state entry this morning into the capital of Moguls. This constituted the official opening of the durbar held to celebrate the accession of King Edward as Emperor of India.

It was a splendid pageant, probably unparalleled in its magnificence. At the head of the elephant procession rode Lord and Lady Curzon on the state "grand tusker," twelve feet high, the largest elephant in India. Their howdah was decked with gold and silver and the elephant itself was almost hidden beneath a gold worked saddle cloth. Surrounding them were footmen in scarlet and gold liveries and bearing massive silver staves. The Duke of Connaught, who represented King Edward, and the Duchess of Connaught followed. Their elephant was equally gorgeously caparisoned. Then in order of precedence came a Nizam, a Maharajah and other ruling chiefs, seventy in all, their huge elephants forming a line a quarter of a mile long.

This glittering procession started from the railroad preceded by the Dragoon Guards and artillery, the Viceroy's escort and by heralds and trumpeters. The route was entirely lined by British and native troops. From the saluting battery posted at the fort commanding the Lahore gate, guns thundered out a royal salute as the Viceroy passed. With the heralds and trumpeters sounding at intervals spirited fanfares, the cortege passed in front of a magnificent line of fifty elephants which bore the brilliantly dressed retainers of the ruling chiefs. The beasts all saluted by trumpeting and throwing their trunks in the air, presenting a truly imposing sight, and afterward fell in line behind the official procession.

As the cavalcade tracersed the broad road leading to the Jumma Musnim Mosque, with its white domes and gilded minarets gleaming in the sunlight, the huge crowds of onlookers witnessed a spectacle which, it is claimed, never has been surpassed in magnificence in this country of Oriental splendor. The heralds, pursuivants and trumpeters who followed the escort and immediately preceded the viceregal procession were conspicuous by the splendor of their attire. They were followed by the newly constituted Imperial cadet corps, comprising thirty maharajahs headed by Sir Portah Sing, looking superb in their white coats, black turbans and decorations.

Excitement was at fever heat as the first elephants, with gold and silver howdahs, of the staff officers came in view and commenced to circle around the mosque. The finest elephants in Asia passed in front of the great Jumma, the steps of which were thronged with distinguished personages, including the Viceroy's American and British guests and the delegates from other parts of the Empire.

In the rear of the procession rode General Lord Kitchener, the commander-in-chief in India, surrounded by a brilliant staff and followed by the heads of the provinces with escorts of Indian cavalry and tribal leaders from beyond the border line.

Down the main street moved the cortege through lines of saluting soldiers and excited, surging, salaaming throngs of natives. They proceeded by the Moree gate into the open park beyond, where, after a four mile march, the elephants of the Viceroy and the Duke of Connaught halted side by side and the pageant was concluded with the Princes filing by, their elephants trumpeting a salute.

The Viceroy was in state uniform, Lady Curzon was dressed in grey, the Duke of Connaught had on a field marshal's uniform, and the Duchess of Connaught was attired in blue. They received a flattering welcome at all points. The Viceroy and the Duke of Connaught subsequently drove to the main camp.

MAY CURTAIL SERVICE.

Shortage of Coal in New England May Cause Reduction in Number of Trains.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 29.—The coal stringency in New England has become so acute that a curtailment of train schedules on railroads in that section in the future appears to be almost inevitable. The New York, New Haven & Hartford is worse off than the other roads, despite its many coal depots along its lines, and it has been forced to borrow and seize coal a number of times. Some of the roads, it is stated, more than a month ago considered the cutting of schedules in view of the possibility of a shortage, and most of the roads which are not "coal originating roads" adopted the measure.

The operation of New England factories will also be affected, though up to the present only two factories have been obliged to suspend operations on account of fuel famine.

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EIGHT MEN ARE STILL UNDER SNOW

DETAILS OF SLIDE AT MINE NEAR NELSON

A Survivor Tells of the Accident and of the Search for the Victims.

Nelson, Dec. 27.—Further particulars are learned of the snowslides that occurred on Christmas night, resulting in the razing of the Molly Gibson bunk house, probably the death of eight men, and the maiming of several others. The slide was totally unexpected, as since the mine buildings have been erected, no slide has ever threatened them. The bunk house, which was a two-story frame structure, stood on a small ridge, at the lower edge of a basin, sloping gradually up to the glacier that can be seen from Nelson; below the Kokanee peaks. The mine is above the timber line, and is about 10 miles from Kootenay lake.

The men who were in the bunk house, and have not yet been accounted for, although possibly some of them are alive, are: L. Brownlee, M. E. Hall, assayer, Nelson; W. G. Murphy, Ainsworth; T. Rouse, Silverton; W. Collins, Nelson; Pietro and Hireo, Italians; Gee Chip, Chinese cook.

Those accounted for are: J. A. Campbell, dead; D. McLaughlin, shoulder dislocated and leg broken; J. R. Dunlop, uninjured; J. McGinnes, slightly hurt; John A. Bell, foreman, one arm cut; McCreath, safe; Harris, safe; Johnston, safe; "Billy," safe; J. McDonald, safe; Italian, unknown, safe; Jules Labelle, safe.

The first information as to there being anything wrong at the mines was received at 1.30 yesterday afternoon, when Jules Labelle staggered into the house of Robert McGuire at the Molly Gibson landing. McGuire saw by his appearance that something had happened, and getting a few of the chief particulars from his as quickly as possible, telephoned to Nelson for assistance. A relief party was quickly formed at Nelson, and, accompanied by the mine physician and the coroner, left on the C. P. R. Co.'s steamer Kokanee for the scene of disaster.

According to Labelle's story, there were 10 or 20 men in the bunk house at the time of the slide. Only one shift is worked, and as it was Christmas day, they had "knocked off" at noon and stayed in all the afternoon. After supper an impromptu concert was held, which was kept up till a little after 10. Then all turned in but Labelle, and all lights were extinguished except a candle, which he stuck up at the head of his bunk to read by. After reading for a short time, he blew out his light and turned over to go to sleep. The weather was very stormy, it was snowing hard, and a regular gale was blowing.

As he was sinking off to sleep, he heard a distant rumble, which rapidly grew louder. He knew it was a slide, but never dreamed of its coming close till a sudden crash came and the building seemed to go to pieces. The bunk house was about 30x40 feet in dimensions. On the ground floors were the kitchen, dining and sitting rooms, while the office was in a small separate building L-shaped, but between the bunk house and the main building. Upstairs the bunks were arranged in two tiers, in some of which there were two men and in the others one. Strange to say, instead of striking the office, the slide seemed to swing around and struck the other end of the building, sweeping it away. The only corner left of the upstairs, so far as Labelle could judge, was the upper corner next to the office. He was in a lower corner bunk, Johnston was in the next row in the upper bunk, and McGinnes in the next one to Johnston. The roof came right down on top of Labelle, but although the upper bunk was destroyed, he was unhurt, though there was not an inch to spare between the scantling and his body.

He managed to crawl out, pulling out his clothes, which had been rolled up for a pillow under his head, with him.

Above the roar of the wind he could hear a dozen voices calling for help away down the hillside below. He helped Johnston and McGinnes out and John Bell, the foreman, also showed up. He and Bell then went down the hillside, hoping to extricate some of the victims. There was from four to ten feet of loose snow along the trail, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that any progress was made. McLaughlin was found about 300 feet below the site of the bunk house. Despite his dislocated shoulder and broken leg, he managed to partially craw out, and then with the aid of Labelle and Bell, was finally got over to the blacksmith shop, which was in the mouth of No. 5 tunnel, a short distance away. Here they made a fire and went back to the office for some blankets to make as easy a bed as possible and to warm him, as in common with all who had been carried down the hill, he was practically without clothes, the snow having ripped the thin nightclothes and underwear from the bodies.

Campbell was found lying in the snow writhing in agony without any covering. He could only moan, and had not strength enough to rise. They tried to move him towards the blacksmith shop, but in the loose snow could accomplish nothing. Bell then went for a blanket, but by the time he got back Campbell was dead, having died a few moments after he left. Johnston and McGinnes were working at the upper part of the hill, but Labelle did not come close enough to them to speak to, and did not know what success they had. McCreath and Harris were next found. They were unhurt, although buried in the snow and tangled up in their blankets. As well as they could, they contrived rough moccasins and cloaks of the blankets and started down the hill to reach the half-way camp, two miles below the foot of the tram.

James Dunlop and "Billy" were then found. They also were unhurt, and being comfortably wrapped in their blankets, decided to stay where they were, half-buried in the loose snow, rather than risk the climb back through the deep snow in the face of the storm in their scanty attire. The men mentioned as being safe were found near by. Collins was heard to cry for help a number of times, but before they could reach the place the cries had ceased and they could find no trace of him.

The Hon. Edward Morris, the newly appointed minister of justice in the Bond cabinet, has been re-elected without opposition in the by-election in St. John's city, which was rendered necessary by his acceptance of the portfolio of justice.

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SLAUGHTERING CATTLE.

Steps Taken in Massachusetts to Stamp Out Foot and Mouth Disease.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, has issued a statement regarding the prosecution of the work of exterminating the foot and mouth disease, and especially in answer to the efforts of certain persons who have systematically tried to work up a sentiment against the killing of herds affected. He says: "We are obliged to face the fact that there are only two courses to pursue: either the diseased animals must all be killed off and the contagion stamped out immediately, thus relieving the state quarantine restriction at the earliest possible moment, or we must sit down and watch the disease and try to prevent its spreading by quarantine. Up to the present time 1,200 head of cattle have been slaughtered in Massachusetts. If the work goes on as it should with continued co-operation from the state officials, and with a friendly public sentiment, all the known infected herds should be killed and disposed of within the next week or ten days. There is every reason to believe that this could be accomplished."

THE PRELIMINARIES.

Some Days Will Elapse Before Arbitration Arrangements Are Completed.

Washington, Dec. 27.—There is now in progress an active exchange of notes between the allied powers, Venezuela and the United States respecting the method of submitting to arbitration the issues which have arisen between Venezuela and the allies.

The weight of official opinion here this afternoon was that several days at least must elapse before anything in the nature of a preliminary protocol can be made ready for signature. Germany's insistence upon a prepayment of 10 per cent. of her full claim before submitting her case to arbitration, and perhaps President Castro's resistance to meeting what the allies regard as the obligations of honor, are believed to be now the sticking points. But it is hoped that this can be passed within the next few days, and it is further hoped that some arrangements will be made in the preliminary protocol for the raising of the blockade, though it is intimated that the allied ships will be kept ready to renew it in case of any difficulty on the part of Venezuela in her obligations.

LYNCHED.

Negro and His Wife Hanged For the Murder of a Young Farmer.

Greenwood, S. C., Dec. 7.—W. K. Jay, a prominent young farmer of the Troy section of this country, was murdered yesterday in his own yard by a negro, Oliver Wideman, or his wife, both of whom lived on the place. The two negroes were lynched by Jay's infuriated neighbors.

Mr. Jay, on returning home in the afternoon, heard Wideman abusing his (Wideman's) wife. He went to his cabin and ordered the negroes to be quiet. Immediately afterwards Mrs. Jay heard the report of a gun, and saw the two negroes running away. Searching for her husband she found him dead in the yard. He had been shot. The alarm was given, and parties were soon in pursuit of the negroes. They were captured and being brought before the coroner they confessed, but the man said the woman did it, and the woman accused the man. While in the custody of a constable on the way to jail, they were stopped by a mob and lynched.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Train Cancelled Owing to Snowstorms—New Bridge Engineer.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—To-day's express from the West was cancelled owing to snowstorms in the mountains.

President's Salary Raised.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The salary of President Loudon has been increased by the senate of Toronto University by $500, making it $5,500.

New Paper.

The Financial Daily is to be the name of a newspaper to be started in Toronto next month. The managing editor will be W. Wallack, a well known local newspaper man.

Engineer For Bridges.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—H. E. Vautelet, who was chief engineer of the C. P. R. for a few months in succession to Mr. Peterson, and was subsequently appointed engineer for bridges, has resigned and will be succeeded by C. N. Montsarrat.

THE RAILWAY WRECK.

It Is Now Reported That Twenty-Three Persons Were Killed.

London, Ont., Dec. 27.—It is estimated that 23 people were killed and 30 injured in the collision on the Sarnia branch of the Grand Trunk railway. The following list of killed is authentic: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stewart, Petrolia; Mr. A. Ricketts, Sarnia Tunnel; Mr. J. Gillies, Sarnia Tunnel; Mrs. Trotter, Petrolia; Mr. Lawrence, Waterford, Ont.; Mr. S. Freeman, Oil Springs, or Hanshall; Mr. Jeffry, London; Mr. Glenn, Roaley, Port Huron, Mich.; Guy Depenier, ticketed to Lacrosse, Wis.; Dr. Penwarden, ticketed to Petrolia; a lady supposed to be Dr. Penwarden's wife; J. H. Brock, Brucefield; O. B. Beurwell, Port Huron, Mich.; Wilson Morton, Chicago; Miss Geddes, Sarnia; Mr. Cameron, Petrolia. Several other bodies are still unidentified.

Geo. Hinchcliff was on Saturday awarded $22,000 damages against the members of the Chicago Masons and Builders' Association and the Brick Manufacturers' Association. Hinchcliff alleged that he had sustained $100,000 loss owing to a boycott of the produce of his brick yards on the part of the associations mentioned, in 1898.

DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER has proved a blessing to many a "man before the public" in cases of hoarseness, bad throat, tonsilitis and catarrh. Some of the most recent evidence of its efficacy comes from a well known actor, whose home is in New York City. He says: "I have never found anything to equal this remedy for quick relief." 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—137.

Thoroughness.

Prof. W. Hodgson Ellis, Official Analyst to the Dominion Government, states that "Sunlight Soap has "a thorough cleansing power, without danger to the clothing or skin." Women who want washing done thoroughly cannot use better than Sunlight Soap—Octagon Bar. Unlike common soaps, there is no damage to the clothing, and no danger to the skin; hence the saying: Sunlight Soap reduces expense. Try Sunlight Soap—Octagon Bar—next wash day, and you will see that Prof. Ellis is right. He should know. 218

THE THEFT OF MATTE.

Saloon Keeper Pleads Guilty to Having Stolen Goods in His Possession.

Rossland, Dec. 27.—Peter Swanson, a saloon keeper from Northport, was arrested here to-day on the charge of having stolen goods in his possession. His arrest is the outcome of a campaign against a ring of thieves who have been stealing matte from the Northport smelter for some time. The matte is valued at from $3.50 to $6 per pound, and it is an easy matter for men about the works to put a pound or two in their pockets. This has been done and the swag traded at saloons about Northport until the practice has become notorious. When Swanson came to Rossland to-day he had about a hundred pounds of the stuff, valued at $450, in his possession.

John S. Ingram, chief of police, made the arrest, and Swanson was promptly arraigned on a charge of having stolen goods in his possession. He pleaded guilty to the charge, and was remanded to Monday for sentence. Swanson made a confession this afternoon implicating others.

ROSSLAND CAMP.

Increase Over Last Year's Output Is Now 56,589 Tons.

All Rossland closed down for Christmas, thereby losing three shifts, and reducing the ore production by almost 2,000 tons. The shipments for the week were: Le Roi, 2,112 tons; Centre Star, 1,320; War Eagle, 870; Giant, 50; Velvet, 100. Total, 4,450; total for year, 335,672.

The increase over last year's aggregate tonnage is now 56,589 tons, and operations for the next few days will increase this by at least 2,000 tons. Arrangements for shipping from the Kootenay mine are well under way. Approximately 500 tons will be shipped as a starter to the Trail smelter.

The initial tests of the Elmore oil process of concentration were made this week, with satisfying results.

MASCAGNI'S TROUBLES.

The Italian Composer Placed Under Arrest at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, who abandoned his American trip while playing in Chicago last week, was placed under arrest to-night on a charge of embezzlement, made by his former manager, Richard Heard. When Mascagni decided to return to Italy he had no further use for his American manager, and discharged him. Heard claims that his contract called for $5,000, and tried to collect that amount. Mascagni refused to pay Heard any such sum, and the arrest followed.

Mascagni was allowed to remain at the Auditorium hotel, where he is living, the house detectives agreeing to be responsible for his appearance in court.

SOCIALISM AND SINGLE TAX.

Lively Debate Last Evening at Victoria Branch of Socialist Party.

A very animated discussion took place in Labor hall last evening on the subject of "Socialism vs. Single Tax." Dr. F. W. Morris addressed the meeting on single tax, he being a believer in Henry George's principles of taxation. The speaker admitted that all industries should be in the hands of the state, and yet opposed the collective ownership of machinery. He upheld the principle of interest, and contended that capital was entitled to a return for its use. Five minutes speeches followed by a number of Socialists, Single Taxers and others, the Socialists contending most emphatically that the issue was a political one, and that to ensure economic freedom the workingman must vote himself into power through the mighty and peaceful weapon—the ballot box—thus abolishing the present wage system and giving to the worker the full value of his labor. It was pointed out that Socialism and Single Tax, like oil and water, could never mix, because the Socialist movement is a working class movement, first, last and all the time, while Single Tax was only middle-class patchwork and would never abolish wage slavery.

Next Sunday evening Dr. Ernest Hall will give an address on "Methods of Moderates in the Control of the Liquor Traffic."

ENGLISH V. AMERICAN MACHINERY.

In the early part of the year an announcement under the above heading went the rounds of the English and Colonial newspaper press bearing upon the unjustifiable practice of a section of the English press of constantly belauding, at every opportunity, the American manufacturer and his methods to the detriment of the British manufacturer, and an instance was then given to illustrate the ability of the Britisher in one branch of industry at least to hold his own, and to beat his American rivals. The instance was that of a large flour mill contract secured in China by an old firm of English milling engineers in competition with American makers, in which case the English firm was better both in price and time for delivery. We now learn that the whole plant was delivered within the time specified, ten weeks, and that the proprietors were so pleased with the results obtained in working the mill that they have placed the contract for another similar mill, also for North China, with the same English firm, viz., Messrs. E. R. & F. Turner, Ltd., of Ipswich.

In the meantime the same firm has scored again in the same market over their American rivals, having recently secured a complete flour mill contract for another firm of Chinese millers, in the competition for which the American was beaten on all counts.

In the face of examples such as the above, perhaps some of our friends of the English press, who have shown such readiness to advertise the excellence of our competitors and to decry our own manufactures, will begin to realize that there may be a reverse to their picture.

THE YMIR MINE.

New General Manager Is Now on Way to Take Charge.

The Ymir mine is to have a new general manager, R. M. Atwater, of London, who recently left the Old Country for British Columbia, and who is now in New York, or on his way to Ymir. His arrival at the mines is now daily expected.

Since the Ymir mine first started S. S. Fowler, E. M., of Nelson, has been the mining engineer in charge, and since the lamented death of J. Roderick Robertson, Mr. Fowler has held the position of general manager of the property in addition to his other duties. Mr. Fowler is the local manager of the British Columbia Goldfields, Limited, and other companies, and having duties to perform has doubtless found it difficult to devote sufficient time to the affairs of the Ymir. The new manager will reside in Ymir, and will devote his whole attention to the development of the mine.

Mr. Fowler stated the other day that the new manager would find the mine in splendid shape, the difficult work in connection with its development having been just about completed, and in future the cost of production would be reduced to the lowest possible figure.

In future all shipments will be made through the 1,000-foot level. No expensive hoist will be required, nor will it be necessary to equip the mine with a costly pumping service. The mine is now equipped with a 90-stamp mill of which from 50 to 55 stamps are steadily dropping every 24 hours.

PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, Vancouver, sends the following abstract from the Official Gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending December 16th, 1902: During this week 630 patents were issued, 549 of the number being to citizens of the United States, 2 to Austria-Hungary, 1 to Belgium, Canada 5, Cuba 1, Denmark 1, Great Britain 21, France 8, Germany 36, Italy 1, New South Wales 1, New Zealand 1, and Sweden 2.

W. G. Clements received this week an allowance in the United States on his improved try square, having a bevelled attachment for scribing angles in the terms of the ordinary carpenter's square, and having also several noved features of construction and application.

A Cleveland young man, who swore he was over twenty-one in order to get a marriage license, now explains that he was standing at the time on a piece of paper on which that magic number was written. With the explanation he makes a request for a divorce.

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SOME "KNIGHTED" WOMEN.

The Female "Sirs" of Several Countries—Entitled to Military Salutes.

Perhaps the best known foreign order to which women are entitled is the French Order of the Legion d'Honneur. The celebrated animal painter, Rosa Bonheur, was a member of the Legion d'Honneur, and Mme. Dieulafoy, the well known explorer, who is the only woman permitted to appear in men's clothes, is also entitled to wear the crimson ribbon. An interesting fact in connection with the members of the famous French order is that the holders of the decoration are entitled to a military salute, and the sentries come out and salute the ladies thus decorated equally with the men.

There are in England only four orders for women, and these are all, with the exception of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of quite recent institution. The Royal Order of Victoria and Albert was founded by Queen Victoria in 1862. The Imperial Order of the Crown of India, instituted also by Queen Victoria, was founded in order to commemorate her assumption of the title of Empress of India, and the Royal Red Cross was founded in 1883, to reward services rendered in nursing the sick and wounded of the Imperial services. The Order of St. John of Jerusalem was introduced into England in the twelfth century.

After Her Majesty the Queen and Princesses of the blood, perhaps the lady who is entitled to wear the most orders in this country is Mrs. George Cornwallis West, better known as Lady Randolph Churchill, and curiously enough an American by birth. Mrs. West is entitled to wear the decorations of the Order of the Crown of India, the Royal Red Cross, and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The last named honor she shares with Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Georgiana Countess of Dudley, Miss Agnes Keyser, Countess Howe, Lady Sarah Wilson, Lady Edward Cecil, and Mrs. Josceline Bagot, all of whom rendered good service during the late Boer war.

The Marchioness of Lansdowne and the Duchess of Buccleuch are members of the Order of Victoria and Albert, to which belong all the Princesses of England, besides the Empress of Germany, the Empress of Russia, the Queen of Roumania, and the Queen of the Netherlands. Other well known Englishwomen who belong to the order are the Dowager Lady [illegible] Cadogan, Lady Ponsonby, the [illegible] Malet, and Lady Biddulph. The decoration of the order (first and second class) is a medallion of the late Queen and Prince Albert set in diamonds, surmounted by an enamelled and jewelled crown attached to a bow of white moire ribbon. The third class of the order has the medallion set in pearls, and the fourth class an intertwined monogram of V and A in pearls.

The Imperial Order of the Crown of India has the sovereign as its head, and consists of Princesses of the Royal house, wives and other female relatives of Princes of India, and wives and relations of any person holding the office of Viceroy or territorial governships in India. Among the ladies entitled to wear the insignia of this order are the Marchioness of Ripon, the Dowager Lady Napier of Magdala, Countess Roberts, Lady George Hamilton, and others, in all over thirty European ladies, besides the Royal Princesses and about ten Indian Princesses. One of the last people to be decorated with this order by Queen Victoria was Lady Curzon of Kedleston. The insignia of the Order of the Crown of India is particularly pretty, consisting of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria's cipher in diamonds, pearls and turquoises, encircled by a body of pearls, surmounted by an Imperial crown enamelled and jewelled, the whole being attached to a bow of light blue watered ribbon with a white edge.

Besides Mrs. George West there are several other women entitled to wear the little enamelled crimson cross which forms the simple but distinguished insignia of the Order of the Royal Red Cross, among them Miss Nightingale, of Crimean fame, Lady Wantage, Lady Roberts, a number of Nursing Sisters, Lady Sarah Wilson, and the Hon. Mrs. Goldmann, Lord Peel's daughter.

Mrs. E. J. Firth is the only woman who holds the Kaisar-i-Hind medal, which was instituted to reward important services rendered to the sovereign in the Indian Empire.

The most ancient order actually instituted for women was the Order of the Union of Virtue (Ordre des Dames Escuyères de la Vertu), founded in 1662 by Eleanore Gonzague, widow of Frederick III., the Emperor of Austria, whose object it was "to encourage in the ladies of her court the sentiments of wisdom and piety." The Empress herself was Grand Mistress of the order. All those desirous of becoming members of the order, which was limited to thirty, had to prove their noble origin.

The Bavarian Order of Elizabeth, founded in 1766 by the Electress Elizabeth Augusta, had an exclusively charitable raison-d'etre, and the Order of Queen Marie Louise (1792) was of a similar nature, and imposed habits of kindness to the poor and charity upon the members of the order.

Lady Chesham, who was one of the chief organizers of the Imperial Yeomanry hospital in South Africa, is entitled to wear the famous Red Cross (an honor which she shares with Miss Florence Nightingale) and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. All the orders mentioned have been much in evidence during the coronation festivities.—London Mail.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 29.—5 a. m.—Since yesterday the pressure has decreased over British Columbia, and the high barometer area central in the Pacific states has diminished in intensity and is moving eastward. Rain has fallen in western Washington and in the vicinity of the Straits, the fall being heavy on the Lower Mainland. There has been a decided fall in temperature in the Pacific states, especially in the higher plateau region, and heavy to killing frosts are reported from California. In the Northwest a low pressure area covers the entire country, the weather is fair and moderately cold, and snow has fallen in Manitoba.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh winds, chiefly easterly, cloudy and cool, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate easterly winds, cloudy and cold, with rain or sleet.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 43; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .06; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 36; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, 1.04; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 34; minimum, 30; wind, 10 miles S. E.; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, 26; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 46; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 28; minimum, 8; wind, calm; weather, fair.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—Saturday—Mrs Gray, G Vish and wife, S C Newlands, Mrs White, Jas Rice, R Barch and wife, Mrs Harvey, W Wautield, Mrs Maynard and daughter, Mrs Dutcher, C J Irving, J B Corbett, G H Hardy, E T Fuller and wife, F S Shaw, W Mulholland, D Sinclair, R M Honnywall, R E Bittencourt, R Readdy, H Swallnell, R Graves, John M Crow, Geo Graham, E L Booth, J Paint, Wm D Maldson, P O'Brien, J W Parson, R Morris, D Castner, A Watson, W Webster and wife, R H Tolmie, A E Williams, W B Smith, Jas Gillis and wife.

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Toronto, Dec. 29.—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange to-day:

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Cariboo Hydraulic	75	..
Centre Star	37¾	36½
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Golden Crown	5	..
Giant	3½	2¾
Granby Smelter	$3.75	$3.25
Iron Mask	8	..
Lone Pine-Surprise Con.	5	3
Morning Glory	3	..
Morrison	3	..
Mountain Lion	11	10
North Star	8½	6¾
Payne	12	9
Rambler Cariboo Con.	35	25
Republic	8	6
Sullivan	6	3
Virtue	8	5
War Eagle Con.	19	17
White Bear	2¼	..
Winnipeg	4	..
Wonderful	4	..
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NEW LINE PROJECTED TO CANADA BOUNDARY

Will Run From Tacoma to Sumas—C.P.R. May Connect With Spokane—Hill-Harriman Fight.

According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane people are behind a project to build a railway from Tacoma through Seattle and towns on the north to Sumas on the international boundary. The new company is to be known as the Seattle & Canada Railway Company, and articles incorporating it have recently been filed. The first trustees of the company are Jacob Furth and John H. McGraw, of Seattle; Daniel C. Corbin and George Turner, of Spokane, and Charles S. Bihler, of Tacoma. The proposed road is described by the Post-Intelligencer as follows:

"The line will cover a distance of 180 miles, beginning at Tacoma and passing through King county and Seattle, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties on the north. Sumas is in the northern part of Whatcom county, lying close to the international boundary. It is now the American terminus of the Seattle & International, or the Seattle division of the Northern Pacific, as well as of the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia road. The American rails, at the boundary, join the rails of the Canadian Pacific, extending northward to Mission Junction, on the main line of the Canadian road, thence westward to Vancouver, B. C., and eastward across the continent. The capital stock of the Seattle & Canada, the newly incorporated road, is fixed at $2,700,000, divided into 27,000 shares of the par value of $100 each.

"The route of the new line will be well to the eastward from the shores of lower Puget sound. In a general way the Great Northern follows along the shore line from Seattle to Blaine, on the international boundary. Farther to the eastward are the tracks of the Northern Pacific. Still farther eastward, it is understood, the surveyors and engineers have located the route of the Seattle & Canada. Such a route, with spurs and branches, will bring the new road in close touch, not only with the immense bodies of timber along the western foothills of the Cascade range, but also with numerous well developed mining districts of Western Washington. It is the apparent intention of the promoters of the road either to penetrate or to tap the Index, Monte Cristo, Stillaguamish, Sultan, Silver Creek, Cascade and Mount Baker districts, some of which are already developed to a high degree; the others giving splendid promise which depends for fruition on transportation facilities."

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And there is still another. Last Wednesday's Spokesman-Review announces that articles of incorporation of the Spokane & Kootenay Railway Company, which is to connect Spokane with the Crow's Nest Pass line of the Canadian Pacific system, have been filed with the county auditor. The incorporators are D. C. Corbin and Senator George Turner, of Spokane; Jacob Furth, president of the Puget Sound National Bank of Seattle; ex-Governor John H. McGraw, of Seattle; and Charles S. Bihler, of Tacoma, formerly assistant chief engineer of the Northern Pacific railroad. The capital stock is placed at $3,000,000, divided into shares of $100 each.

The articles of incorporation declare the purpose of the company "to locate, construct, own, use, maintain, operate, and enjoy a standard gauge railway, with single or double tracks, as the corporation may determine, beginning at a point in or near the city of Spokane, state of Washington, and extending in a general northeasterly and northerly direction, via Pend d'Oreille river and lake, the Kootenai river and tributaries, to a point in Kootenai county, Idaho, on the international boundary, between the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, a distance of 200 miles, more or less, all in Spokane county, state of Washington, and Kootenai county, state of Idaho, for the transportation of passengers, freight, etc."

The Spokane paper goes on to say:

"The Canadian Pacific has had an eye on the trade of Spokane for years. It has wanted to get into this field, not only to haul in freight from the east, but also to get some of the wheat business of the Palouse and the ore traffic of the mines. It was restrained from entering this field, however, until now it has a fight on its hands with James J. Hill, of the Northern Securities Co., who announced to a Spokesman-Review reporter yesterday that he will push his line from Curlew, Wash., on into the very heart of the Similkameen country, in British Columbia, on his way to the coast, within a year. His entrance in the British Columbia field with the charter of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern road has been fiercely resented by the Canadian Pacific, which has considered that province its own particular preserve. The invasion of British Columbia by the Hill road has stirred things up to the point where the Canadian Pacific is now ready to build into Spokane to reach after the magnificent field around here. It is believed that nothing short of a settlement of the serious difficulties between Hill and the Canadian Pacific will stop the building of the road."

In this connection the following remarks made by Mr. Hill to a Spokane reporter will be of interest: "All of our energies in this part of the country are to be centred in the building of this road during the coming summer. Although winter is now on, we are perfecting the general details for the new road, and as soon as spring comes the work is to be pushed with vigor; and as soon as the railroad is down we shall devote all our energies to opening up the resources of that wonderful country, and we shall fill it with settlers. I do not wish to talk of a project to extend the road on from Similkameen to Vancouver, but then, you know, the distance between the two points is not great. For the present, let us rest with the assurance that the road through the Similkameen countries is to be built at once. To my mind that is the most important piece of news that I can give the newspapers of Spokane."

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South of the forty-ninth parallel there is a battle royal on between E. H. Harriman, of the Southern Pacific, and J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern. The former announces that in three years his road will take passengers from San Francisco to New York in three days and a half, while the Great Northern intends inaugurating a new service which will reduce the time of journey from Seattle to New York to four days.

In regard to the Southern Pacific, millions are to be expended in straightening the road from Omaha westward, and the work of rebuilding the Southern Pacific from Ogden will follow. The Sierra is to be tunnelled so that the grades will be no greater than the grades found on lines east of Ogden.

Harriman's declaration of his purpose in pouring out millions on a central continental highway was called out because of the struggle now going on for the lion's share of the trans-Pacific commerce between James J. Hill and the Northern interests on the one hand and E. H. Harriman and the Union-Southern Pacific on the other. The fight arose over the attempt of Hill and his allies to wrest control of the government transport business from San Francisco and transfer it to Seattle. As the outcome of the first round of the fight, which was decided by Secretary Root last week, the government service will be operated as usual from San Francisco for the time being.

But a contract has been awarded to the Boston Steamship Company, which has close connections with Hill's interests, whereby troops and supplies may be transported from Seattle. The quantity to be sent over the Northern route is left entirely to the discretion of the Secretary of War, and this is what angers Harriman.

MEERSCHAUM MINING.

How It Is Done in Turkish Districts Where the Valuable Clay Is Secured.

The foreign office has issued a report upon the meerschaum mining industry of Turkey. This product, which is extensively utilized for the manufacture of pipes, is almost entirely confined to Turkey. The meerschaum can be mined by any person at Sair-sou, Sepetdje, Gheiki and Meniou, on payment of 5 piastres to the administration of mines—the cost of a permit. The mines of Sair-sou are situated at a distance of about seventeen miles to the east of Eskichehir. The pit at Sair-sou was opened twenty years ago, but to-day there are 8,000 mines opened, of which, however, only 2,000 are worked, the remainder having been abandoned. Some 4,000 miners work these mines, and every Friday a market is held at which they dispose of the blocks of meerschaum they have extracted during the week. For the accommodation of the workmen some 1,000 huts have been erected.

At Sepetdje, about eighteen miles to the northeast of Eskichehir, there are some 20,000 pits in a space of six miles, of which only 150 are worked, all the others being exhausted. It is said that these mines were opened 1,000 years ago, which is not incredible, as it is well known that magnesia was formerly used for many purposes other than the fabrication of pipes; moreover, fuller's earth used to be worked on a vast scale by the ancients. The meerschaum mines are worked by some 500 miners, who live in the surrounding villages. At Gheiki, in the neighborhood of Sepetdje, there are 3,000 pits, of which only 100 are worked, giving employment to 400 miners.

The only place where the administration of mines authorized meerschaum to be extracted is Meniou, and here there are only twenty pits actually worked by 100 workmen. The working of these meerschaum deposits, called the Eskichehir mines, which were formerly actively worked, is reduced to 1,700 pits, giving work to some 5,000 miners, the greater portion of whom are Kurds and Persians. These deposits are worked on the following primitive systems:

A foreman or ganger, having from two to fifteen men under his supervision, having pegged out a piece of ground, generally a meter wide, a pit is sunk until a red, clayey earth, which is the first sign of the existence of magnesia, is reached. Sometimes this is reached at a few meters from the surface, but as a rule the miners have to dig down some twenty meters, and often forty, or even up to sixty meters before reaching the red earth, wherein the meerschaum is disseminated in kidneys and other irregular forms. The volume of these blocks seldom exceeds thirty or forty cubic centimeters, the greatest part of them being the size of a walnut or an apple.

On reaching the gangue containing the blocks of magnesia, the miners drive horizontal shafts through the red clay. This, however, is no easy matter, as they cannot detach or pick off more than forty grams of the clay at a stroke. Some of these galleries are no less than a quarter of a mile in length, and it sometimes happens that owing to these being pierced at random, different gangs meet underground. They work night and day, the galleries being lighted with petroleum.

After a certain quantity of blocks has been extracted the meerschaum, still enveloped in its gangue, is drawn out of the pit and stacked in the miners' barracks. These blocks are bought by the manufacturers of Eskichehir in job lots every Friday, and there are some 150 persons who regularly attend these markets. The meerschaum is then taken to Eskichehir, where the blocks are cleaned, the operation consisting in scraping and cutting the blocks with a sharp instrument or knife, the meerschaum being soft and easily cut into any shape or form.

More than 1,100 persons are occupied in cleaning and shaping these blocks, which, after being thoroughly cleaned, are separated into four classes, according to size and quality These blocks being ready for sale, a bargain is struck between the pipe manufacturers and the commission agents and merchants of Eskichehir, of whom there are about a dozen. The latter then pack the blocks of these four classes with very great care into boxes of equal size, each block being wrapped in cotton to avoid any friction or shock between the pieces.

The actual annual output of these mines varies from 120 to 150 tons. The Eskichehir meerschaum is very highly prized in Europe on account of its superior quality, and these deposits, notwithstanding that they have been worked for centuries, are still considered to be inexhaustible.—London Express.

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There appears to be some misapprehension in regard to the qualifications necessary in a person applying for the right to vote as a householder at the approaching municipal elections. The declaration the applicant is required to make follows:

I do solemnly declare that I am a British subject and of the full age of twenty-one years, that I have been a householder within the municipal limits of the municipality for the twelve months immediately preceding the first day of November, 1902, and that the dwelling or dwellings occupied by me during this time is or are situated in the ward in the said municipality, and that the rent or rents, or rent value or values, thereof is not less than sixty dollars per annum each; and that I have paid all municipal rates, taxes and license fees, exclusive of water rate or water rent, or rates or taxes upon land or improvements payable by me (here name the rate, tax or license fee paid), and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act, 1893."

Surely there is nothing in this declaration to warrant any candidate for the Mayoralty of the City of Victoria getting out a drag net and sweeping whole households—husbands, wives, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, every person alleged to be of the full age of twenty-one years under one roof—we say sweeping all these up before a city official and requiring that their names shall be placed upon the voters' list. If the Legislature had intended that there shall be universal suffrage under the Municipal Clauses Act it would have so declared in unequivocal terms. We fancy some of those already registered would have some difficulty in specifying the rent, rate, tax or license fee they have paid.

CLAIMS AGAINST VENEZUELA.

The public is not very well informed as to the cause of the rumpus with Venezuela. It knows in a general way that British subjects have been ill-treated since the time of the famous boundary dispute, into which Grover Cleveland butted for reasons which are said to have been private rather than in the spirit of a great-hearted philanthropist. It has also been informed that remonstrance after remonstrance was sent to the head for the time being of the illustrious nation whose integrity the United States has undertaken to maintain. Those remonstrances were never so much as acknowledged. Therefore it becomes incumbent upon Great Britain to convince Venezuela that a country which posed as a nation should evince some regard for the responsibilities and amenities which usually accompany nationhood.

The London Daily Mail has searched the records and furnished its readers with some of the details of the account against the South American republic. According to that statement the chief item in the account seems to be a loan of $10,000,000 negotiated in 1896, and bearing interest at 5 per cent. This is, apparently, a strictly public and government obligation, with no question about "guarantee," and the inference is fair that a large proportion of it is in the possession of Castro or of his authorized and confidential depository. Two-thirds of this loan is due to Germans, the rest to Britons and Frenchmen. The interest is four years in arrears. Then there is a German railway built at a "cost" of $15,000,000, or at least that is what the Germans charged, and the Venezuelans agreed to pay, of which our London contemporary says that the railway built with it has received "much the same treatment with the English ones." The treatment of the British roads, it appears from the same authority, is not only that the guaranteed interest has not been paid, but that on three British roads, as inducements to secure the concession, the concessionaires agreed to carry troops and munitions of war at half price, that is, at no profit. They have not received any pay whatever on this account, which now amounts to about $2,000,000.

There are many other claims of which an adjustment is demanded. There appears to be no particular reason why American newspapers should get so terribly "worked up" over the matter. But if they are as anxious as they pretend to be that the weak shall not be permitted to suffer because of the arrogance and ruthlessness of the strong, we do not know that either Great Britain or Germany would oppose the suggestion that the United States take possession of Venezuela, settle the unsettlement there, as it did in the Philippines, and meet the obligations of the defunct nation. The discussion of this Venezuela matter indicates the rate at which the spirit of expansion is spreading. Once in possession of Venezuela, our neighbors would set covetous eyes upon the whole of South America. If they have any regard for their future they will keep out of that continent.

GREAT IS THE CIVIL SERVANT.

Ye genial civil servant, whether in London, Washington or New York, is a perennial source of wonder, delight and perplexity to the miserable cynics who supply the press with the news of the various capitals. Perhaps the same remark applies to the class who control the destinies of the other nations of the world. The conditions were the same in the days when Charles Dickens delighted man and womankind with his portrayals of the grotesque in human nature. But there were Barnacles in those days who refused to be removed from the strong rocks on which they had affixed themselves by the pertinacity of men of energy who thought "something should be done." There are no servants of the people at Ottawa who remind strenuous folk that they "must not, you know." Nor are three in Victoria. Our servants here (will they please excuse us for applying the term "servant" to them; it is merely an unfortunate custom) labor from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof, except in the holiday season, of course. We have no need of a minister like Mr. Tarte here to appear in his department at the altogether unseemly hour of 9 o'clock in the morning, expecting the head of the establishment to be there to receive him.

The minions of the press who note what is doing at the Dominion capital will have it that Ministers are merely tolerated as persons who have no permanent standing in the community. They are here to-day; they may be retired to their original obscurity to-morrow. The civil servant is always in the full bloom of power and authority, official and social. He penetrates circles and clubs where cabinet ministers, if they had the effrontery to present themselves, would be received with a stony glare. The "wisest man the world ere saw" has not yet ventured to express an opinion as to what would happen should a Minister arise who thought he had the power to discharge one of those "servants of the people."

The civil servants at Washington appear also to have a proper regard for the dignity of their profession, but there is a democratic dash about that regard which would excite nothing but scorn at Ottawa, where the monarchical idea of the broad distinction between the clawsses and the masses largely prevails. No civil servant on the pay roll of the Dominion would think of permitting his wife to also wear the badge of servitude. It is different at Washington. The custom seems to be general there, so general that the Postmaster-General has issued a decree to the effect that the practice shall cease. The consequences, an exchange says, are likely to be melancholy. A married woman in Washington, whose husband also is in the office, has announced her intention of procuring a divorce. He has a salary of $1,800 a year; she one of $1,400. She explains: "He has always spent his salary, and I have spent mine. We usually got along very well in this way. But if we are to lose either salary, it would be mine, and he would not want to spend any less than he has been spending, and I would have nothing except what I could beg from him. Therefore, we think it is wise to separate."

It is perhaps just as well the custom at Ottawa and Washington is different. If a crisis such as is now on at the American capital should ever arise "in our midst" we have no handy divorce court to appeal to for assistance.

The London Times, which strenuously opposes the British alliance with Germany in the Venezuelan trouble, prints a poem by Rudyard Kipling crystalizing the popular anti-German sentiment. The poem contains the following:

"Last night ye swore our voyage was done,
But seaward still we go,
And ye tell us now of a secret vow,
Ye have made with an open foe.

"That we must lie off a lightless coast,
And haul, and back, and veer,
At the will of the breed that have wronged us most,
For a year, and a year, and a year.

"The dead they mocked are scarcely cold,
Our wounds are bleeding yet,
And ye tell us now that our strength is sold,
To help them press for a debt.

"'Neath all the flags of all mankind,
That use upon the seas,
Was there no other fleet to find,
That ye strike hands with these?

"Of evil times that men could choose
On evil fate to fall,
What brooding judgment let ye loose
To pick the worst of all?

"In sight of peace from the narrow seas,
O'er half the world to run,
With a cheated crew to leagues anew,
With the Goth and the shameless Hun."

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The prince lately born is the fifth child of the Prince and Princess of Wales. All are living, and they are considered to be among the healthiest children in European royalty. Prince George of Wales, the father of the infant prince, was married to Princess Victoria May of Teck in the chapel of St. James's Palace, July 6th, 1893. He was born at Marlborough House, June 3rd, 1865, and is his wife's senior by about two years. Their four elder children are: Prince Edward Albert, born at White Lodge, June 23rd, 1894; Prince Albert Frederick George, born at Sandringham, December 14th, 1895; Princess Victoria Alexandra, born at Sandringham, April 25th, 1897, and Prince Henry William Frederick Albert, born at Sandringham, March 31st, 1900.

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Mr. F. C. Wade, formerly Crown prosecutor for the Yukon, contributes to the Empire Review a good tempered article on the Alaska-Yukon boundary disputes. He presents the Canadian side of the controversy with ability and fairness, laying stress upon the fact that the United States trade with the Yukon is declining and that the tidewater towns of Skagway and Dyea are not being benefited but ruined by existing arrangements.

THE FAMILY LARAMIE.

William Henry Drummond.

Hesh! look at ba-bee on de leetle blue chair!
W't you t'ink he's tryin' to do?
Wit' pole on de han' lak de lumberman
A-shovin' along canoe.
Dere's purty strong current behin' de stove
W'ere it's passin' de chimney-stone;
But he'll come roun' yet, if he don't upset,
So long he was lef' alone.

Dat's way ev'ry boy on de house begin
No sooner he's twelve mont' ole.
He'll play canoe up an' down de Soo,
An' paddle an' push de pole.
Den haul de log all about de place
Till dey fillin' up mos' de room,
An' say it's all right, for de storm las' night
Was carry away de boom!

Mabbe you see heem, de young loon bird,
Wit' half de shell hangin' on,
Tak' his first slide on de waterside,
An' off on de lake he's gone!
Out of de cradle de're goin' same way
On reever an' lake an' sea;
For born to de trade, dat's how de're made,
De familee Laramie!

An' de reever she's lyin' so handy dere
On de foot of de hill below,
Dancin' 'long an' singin' de song
For soon it is comin' w'en
Dey'll listen to de call, leetle Pierre an' Paul,
An' w'ere will de moder be den?

She'll sit on de shore w'en de evening's come,
An' spik to de reever, too;
"O, reever, you know how dey love you so
Since ever dey're seein' you.
For sake of dat love bring de leetle boy
Once more on de moder's knee."
An' she'll answer de prayer I'm makin' dere,
An' back dey'll come safe to me.

THE POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

To the Editor:—Will the present council let the contract for the steel bridge at Point Ellice before they go out of office? That is the question which is being asked by a great many citizens just now. The citizens as a whole are heartily sick of seeing this business drag along in the manner it is doing. Let the council brace up and at to-night's meeting vote to close the contract with our home firm, the Victoria Machinery Depot, for a pin connected bridge, according to their detail plan upon which tenders were submitted. In doing this the city will be saved endless delay and trouble and almost certain litigation. This is undoubtedly the only right course open to the council.

ELECTOR.

WHOLESALE MARKET.

The following quotations are wholesale prices paid for farm produce this week:

	Victoria
Potatoes (new), per ton .....$	12.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	60
Turnips, per 100 lbs.	50
Parsnips, per 100 lbs.	1.25
Cabbage, per 100 lbs.	1.00
Butter (creamery), per lb.	25
Butter (dairy), per lb.	20
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	35
Chickens, per doz.	3.50@ 6.00
Hay, per ton	12.00
Oats, per ton	22.50
Barley, per ton	26.00
Wheat, per ton	31.00
Beef, per lb.	8@ 9
Mutton, per lb.	9@ 10
Pork, per lb.	9
Veal, per lb.	10@ 11

STEAM TURBINE'S PROGRESS.

At the Walker Engineering Laboratories of University College, Liverpool, Prof. Hele-Shaw delivered an address on "Steam Turbines," sketching their history and development. He said that the total turbine power of marine vessels completed or nearly completed was about 83,000 horse power, including torpedo boat destroyers, yachts and passenger vessels. Though no Atlantic liners, cruisers or battleships had yet been built with turbine engines, their application to such ships would be attended with even greater advantage than to smaller vessels. In seconding a vote of thanks to the professor, Mr. Shield, formerly chairman of the Walker Engineering Laboratories committee, said he had only just returned from the continent, where steam turbines excited deep and universal attention. There was scarcely a steam engine maker who was not seriously considering that question, and what had brought about that state of things was the fact that in all recent tenders of any importance for electrical plant steam turbine makers had not only tendered below the price of the best makers of reciprocating engines, but had guaranteed an economy which the makers of reciprocating engines could not possibly do. In Paris wonderful results were being achieved, and the makers were working in a way which he thought would render the adoption of turbines easier than at present, because, by the expedient of having each a separate ring of guide blades and vanes incased in a separate chamber, less accuracy of fitting was necessary, as the steam was compelled, after escaping into its own chamber, to pass into the next chamber and there do the work. This he thought would greatly reduce the cost of turbines and possibly bring about their universal adoption.—London Times.

DIPLOMATIC SECRETS.

How They Are Guarded in Transmission Between Officials.

It says much for the integrity of government officials that all knowledge of our recent important treaty with Japan was successfully withheld from foreign nations until the compact had been actually sealed, but the great care exercised in guarding a diplomatic secret renders a premature announcement very rare indeed. No government secret when first born is ever committed to paper, except on the rare occasions when minutes of a cabinet meeting are taken and forwarded to the sovereign. As a rule, our ministers meet and transact business without anyone being the wiser, for no official of any kind is allowed to be present.

Once the government has decided upon an important piece of foreign policy, it has to be transmitted to our representative abroad, and for the first time the secret is put in writing in the form of unintelligible cipher, the key to which is already in the hands of our ambassador. The men who draw up these intricate cipher codes are reliable officials specially employed by the government, and they often obtain from £500 to £700 for a single code. The dispatch having been prepared, it is given into the care of a King's messenger, who wears attached to his person a bag fitted with a secret lock. To this lock there are only two keys—one in possession of the foreign office and the other retained by our ambassador, who must unlock the bag himself, or instruct his secretary to do so upon the messenger's arrival.

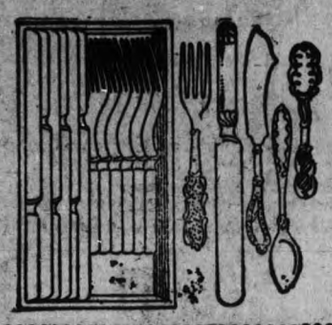
The journey between this country and abroad is a risky one, because the messenger is beset with spies, and, although he travels incognito and well armed, there is always the chance of his being set upon and robbed. To avoid this, when an important dispatch is being carried, he is shadowed by two detectives throughout the journey, so that they can instantly come to his assistance if necessary. When travelling by rail he engages a special compartment, and if called upon to do so he will have to lose his life before sacrificing the dispatch. In return he receives a salary of £400 a year, in addition to £1 a day when travelling and all expenses found, but before being employed he has to be nominated by an official filling an important position under government who will hold himself responsible for his being a reliable messenger and not a foreign agent. Sometimes, to avoid danger, the courier carries with him the special sanction of international law, whereby every country through which he passes becomes responsible for his safety.—London Tit-Bits.

WOMAN IN GERMANY.

Female Emancipation Has Made Little Progress.

Although the German poets vie with one another in extolling the "eternal feminine ideal," there is no country where the emancipation of woman, which forms the great feature of modern life among ourselves and in the United States, has made so little progress. An amusing instance of this occurred some time ago in the Prussian chamber of deputies, on an interpellation as to the right of women to take part in political meetings. The minister of the interior, with his hair on end, his face pale with emotion and a voice quivering with excitement, replied that although it would not legally be permissible to bar the door against a woman desirous of attending a political gathering, every possible means should be taken to prevent her from speaking. In other words, he declared, amid cheers from the greater part of the House, that women, like children, should be seen but not heard. Womenphobia has always been a German characteristic. The admission of women into the civil service met with the most violent opposition in Germany long after female clerks and telegraphists had been successfully employed in England and in France. The right of women to practice medicine was called in question only three years ago, when a committee of experts declared that the idea was too preposterous to be seriously discussed. In 1899 a proposal to establish gymnasia for girls was likened by the Prussian minister of worship "to a little spark which should be put out at once, lest it should break into a flame." But there are many signs that even the German woman is growing impatient of her part as upper housemaid, and in the consciousness of being a thinking entity, with a separate life of her own, demands to take her share in the national public life.—London Graphic.

Gifts For New Year, 1903



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Prices, 25c., 50c., 75c. and $1.00. Sale of seats Friday morning at Victoria Book & Stationery Store.

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"Well, I guess not; I've had those rubbers that keep the feet dry, and pinch my feet and rub my shoes, and flip flop every time I step, and wear out and let my feet get wet. Only 78 cents, huh, and they are dear at that."
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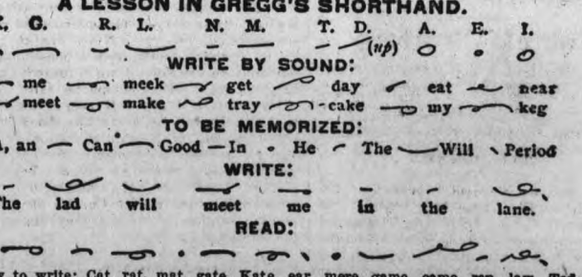

Try to write: Cat, rat, mat, gate, Kate, ear, mere, game, came, ran, law, Ted, dead, eel, gay, kneel, near, rear, etc.
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City News in Brief.

—John Labatt's Pale Ale is sparkling purity. *

—The Great Northwestern Teleghaph Co.'s cable has been successfully repaired and business is now being accepted. *

—Remember the City band's New Year's eve dance. The $20 Double Eagle is sure to light on some one. Have a ticket. *

—We thank our many customers for their patronage during Christmas week, and wish all a very Happy New Year. Weiler Bros. *

—If you want a beautiful everlasting porcelain wreath, call and see them at Stewart's Granite and Marble Works, Yates street. *

—There is to be a smoking concert given in the Royal Engineer's messroom at 8 o'clock this evening. A good programme has been prepared for the event.

—In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale. For sale by Dixi H. Ross & Co., Erskine, Wall & Co. and Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd. *

—The dates for the Kamloops exhibition next year are September 23rd, 24th and 25th. Martin Beattie has been elected secretary-manager, vice J. T. Robinson, resigned.

—Free! Free! Free! To be given away a double gold Eagle, or in other words a $20 gold piece, at the City band's dance in A. O. U. W. hall, New Year's eve. Forget it not. Ladies, 25c; gents, 50c. *

—The Jollity Club will give to-morrow evening a fancy dress ball in the A. O. U. W. hall. The ladies' committee has arranged to have someone in attendance at the A. O. U. W. hall on Tuesday afternoon in order to accommodate those who wish to leave their donations of refreshments early. Invitations for the dance must be presented at the door, and those who go as spectators are requested to sit upstairs.

—"Sandy Bottom" is said to be a play combining both pathos and comedy. The drama will be presented here under the management of Hampton & Hopkins, who successfully piloted "Human Hearts" during its most successful money-making trips. It is promised that it will be given in a superb manner by a company of unusual excellence. "Sandy Bottom" will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre to-night.

—The amount paid in cash dividends to policy-holders by The Mutual Life of Canada in the year 1901 exceeded by many thousands of dollars that of any other Canadian company. The Reserve Fund held by The Mutual Life of Canada is higher than the Dominion government standard; its percentage of expenses to income is the lowest of any company doing business in Canada, while its premium rates are the lowest of any of the old line companies. Before insuring elsewhere call at 34 Broad street, and obtain the rates and plans of The Mutual Life of Canada. R. L. Drury, Provincial Manager. *

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—A pleasing incident occurred at Esquimalt on Christmas Day when T. N. Woodgate, C. E., officer in charge of works at the navy yard, was presented with a handsome gold watch and a British Columbia gold nugget, together with a neatly framed photograph of the staff and employees with whom he has been associated for the past six years. The recipent responded in a few graceful remarks, and said he would always prize the gifts as souvenirs of his staff and a pleasant experience in this province. Mr. Woodgate is to leave for England in the near future, having completed his term on this station. During the past six years a large number of improvements have been instituted under Mr. Woodgate's superintendence. New store houses have been erected, while fine coal sheds and buildings for various purposes have been built.

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NO. 2 VIEW STREET.

—The Great Northwestern Telegraph Co. is now accepting business, their cable having been repaired. *

—For every $1.00 purchased from now till the New Year the purchaser will received a pair of embossed whist counters at W. H. Pennock, 64 Yates street. *

—We are well prepared for the next few days' trade, having a most suitable stock of goods from which an unlimited number of New Year's gifts can be selected. Weiler Bros. *

—Prof. Alexander delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture to men only in the Metropolitan Methodist church last night. There was a large attendance, and the speaker was given the closest attention throughout.

—There will be no rehearsal in connection with the musical festival in New Year's week. The next rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, January 7th, at the city hall, commencing at 8 o'clock. Harriss's Festival, Mars & Stanford's Revenge, will be studied.

—The recent heavy rains have caused a considerable rise in the different lakes in the vicinity of Victoria. Shawnigan lake rose six or seven feet, but fortunately for the cottages located on the shores it has evidently reached the limit and is sinking gradually. The water washed under several of the cottages nearest the lake.

—To-morrow evening in the A. O. U. W. hall the pupils of Mrs. Lester will give a novel dance. The majority of the young ladies will adopt the Japanese costume. The hall is being appropriately decorated, and all those attending are assured a pleasant time. The floor will be in a first class condition, and an excellent programme of music is being arranged. A splendid supper will be served, so that there will be everything conducive to an enjoyable and successful function.

—On Saturday evening at the Refuge Home a Chinese marriage was solemnized, the contracting parties being Ma Pong and Jean Low. Both the bride and groom are Christians, Jean Low, the bride, having been an inmate of the Home for the past three years. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Scott, assisted by Rev. Mr. Deans. A wedding supper was afterwards served, there being in all about 60 guests. The newly-married couple were the recipients of numerous gifts. They will live at 150 Fisguard street.

—Among the business to come before the council to-night will be the resolution by Ald. McCandless, which, if carried, will give employment to a large number of men at a time when work is not very brisk. The motion provides for the filling in of a sufficient area of the mud flats to allow of the removal of the bridge and the construction of the permanent roadway. The special committee, consisting of Alds. Kinsman, Barnard and Vincent, will report to the council on the plan submitted by Mr. Laird for the protection of Dallas road from the encroachment of the sea.

—Manager Jamieson has arranged for the appearance here at the Victoria theatre to-morrow night of that favorite and breezy musical comedy, "The Telephone Girl," the most successful one of the many New York Casino successes. All of the prominent cities of the country have been played during the past six seasons, beginning with New York at the Casino, where it enjoyed a most phenomenal run of over two hundred and fifty nights. "The Telephone Girl" is in two acts. Gustave Kerker's tuneful melodies pervade them. The book by Hugh Morton, who in collaboration with Mr. Kerker is responsible for "The Lady Slavey," "In Gay New York," "The Belle of New York" and numerous other highly successful Casino productions, is bright and witty. The company is headed by Joe Kane.

—The recital to be given in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to-morrow (Tuesday) evening promises to be one of the best yet given in the city. Some of Victoria's finest singers are taking part, and in addition exceedingly good instrumental solos will be rendered. There will be no charge for admission, but a collection will be taken. The object to which the funds will be devoted is to help to pay off the interest on the church mortgage. This in itself is a most worthy cause, in addition to the choice programme which has been arranged. Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Miss Jeannie McAlpine and Herbert Taylor are the vocalists, B. Urquhart Jackson violoncellist, whilst G. Jennings Burnett will be accompanist and solo organist. Given fine weather and with such a list of entertainers a full church and a substantial collection should be the result.

A nail accidentally driven into a gas pipe in the wall caused a leakage of gas that resulted in the death of a man named Fermell in his bedroom at Cowhill, near Oldham.

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—Five Indians were discovered by the police this morning in a state of intoxication. They were taken into custody by Constables Harper and J. Wood, and driven to the police station in a wagon.

—The repairs to the bridge near Cowichan, on the E. & N. railway, have not yet been completed. The trains are being run regularly, however, and passengers transferred over the break in the road.

—To-morrow evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver Quadra, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

—Manager Jamieson announces the appearance of the La Shelle Comic Opera Company in "The Princess Chic," which will prove an innovation to the theatregoers of this city. "The Princess Chic" differs from ordinary comic operas in that its libretto has coherent dramatic interest, and the entire effort aims almost to the ambitious standard of grand opera. From this, however, it must not be assumed that librettist La Shelle has omitted the comic element. "The Princess Chic" will be presented at the Victoria theatre on New Year's eve, and a matinee and night performance on New Year's day. The sale of seats opens at the Victoria Book & Stationery store at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

John Ralph Turned Over to Naval Authorities—Quartette of Drunks.

When the case of John Ralph, charged with stealing a ring from a woman on lower Chatham street, was called in the police court this morning, the chief asked that the charge be withdrawn in view of the continued non-appearance of the complainant. Ralph, who is a bluejacket, was therefore turned over to the naval authorities. He was arrested at Esquimalt by Provincial Constable Campbell on Friday evening.

A quartette of drunks were disposed of. Two of them, a man and a woman, were first offenders and got off with the light fine of $2.50 each. Another was fined $5 for over indulgence on Sunday. He might have saved $2.50 had he waited until to-day. A more substantial saving could have been effected by a fourth if he had made his appearance when called this morning. When he was arrested on Saturday he deposited $10 for bail, and was given his liberty until to-day. He wasn't on hand this morning, and the ten was consequently forfeited. Had he appeared his fine would not have exceeded $5, and he would have had at least five left for a New Year's eve jubilation.

REGIMENTAL DRILLS

Will Be Commenced in the Drill Hall on Monday Next.

The regular regimental drills of the Fifth Regiment will be commenced next week and will be continued as follows: Monday, Nos. 5 and 6; Tuesday, Nos. 1 and 2; Wednesday, Nos. 3 and 4. The officers, non-coms. and men have had quite a respite from regimental drills and are expected to resume them with redoubled vigor.

The school of instruction, which has been very successfully carried on for some time past, is now finished, the last course being held on Tuesday evening last with drill on the Maxims. The examinations will be conducted about the middle of January. All the non-commissioned officers and men who intend presenting themselves as candidates will parade on Friday, January 9th, for a little "brushing up" in infantry drill preparatory for the examination.

It is altogether likely that certificates will be presented to the successful candidates on the anniversary of the battle of Paardeberg. On that occasion a big parade will be held, and fitting ceremonials will mark a day which should be commemorated as one of the most glorious in Canada's history. Certainly no more appropriate time for the presentation of certificates could be selected than this day.

WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE.

Stuart Henderson Declines to run in the Government Interest in West Yale.

A government candidate for West Yale is yet wanted. Stuart Henderson, who has repeatedly been spoken of as the probable candidate for that constituency in the interests of the Prior government, will not contest the seat. Mr. Henderson spent his Christmas holidays with his parents in this city. During his visit here he stated that he would not be the standard bearer in the interests of the government.

Premier Prior's method, adopted after the defeat of H. L. Robertson in North Victoria, of announcing to the world that the responsibility for disaster was due alone to the unpopularity of the candidate, will assuredly aid in making it difficult to secure anyone to undertake the government fight in West Yale.

The latter is not believed to have influenced Stuart Henderson in his decision. On the contrary, it is said that he is not in accord with the policy of the Prior government.

The remains of Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, were interred in the cloisters of Canterbury cathedral on Saturday. The obsequies were carried out as simply as possible in accordance with the late archbishop's desire.

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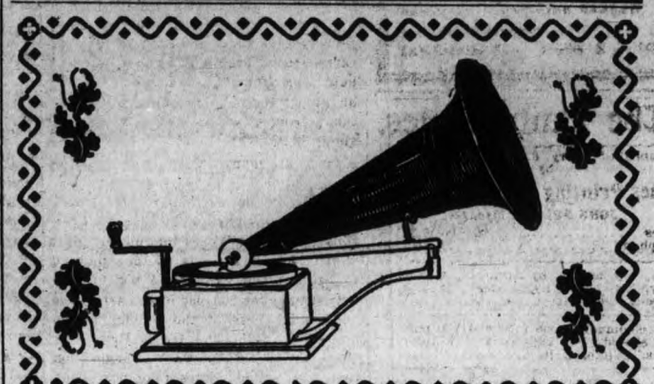

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Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

The annual meeting of the B. C. Lumbermen's Association was held on Saturday night, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. H. Higgins, president; J. S. Emerson, vice-president; H. G. Ross, secretary-treasurer; executive committee, H. Gilley, Joseph Fisher, Wm. Shannon, E. B. Morgan, R. S. Forbes and S. Brown.

J. G. Scott, manager and vice-president of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, received a very handsome Christmas gift from the officers and employees of his firm on Christmas day. The presentation consisted of a solid gold Masonic locket and an address.

There was a fair attendance at the meeting held in Union hall on Friday night, to consider the proposition to put labor candidates up at the coming municipal election. It was agreed, after some discussion, that representatives of the various wards should separate themselves for the purpose of talking the matter over. The Ward II. committee reported favorably upon the name of Jno. Simeson for candidate, which was endorsed by the meeting, and John Morton was likewise endorsed for Ward V. Other committees reported progress, and are expected to name their chosen candidates at another meeting to be held on Monday night. For school trustees the following names were promulgated: T. H. Cross, W. George, R. Mitchell, Charles Tosselle. After municipal matters were disposed of, the meeting adjourned, and reconvened to consider the propriety of placing a labor candidate in the coming Dominion contest for the Burrard seat. After lengthy debate the following resolution was carried: "That this meeting, in the interests of labor, pledge our united support to Chris. Foley, should he consent to be a candidate for the seat now vacant in Burrard, in the House of Commons." Subsequently a committee of three was named to wait upon Mr. Foley, in the matter. The result will be declared on Monday.

The reassessment of the city has developed the fact, according to Assessor McSpadden's report, that there are in the neighborhood of 30,000 persons in Vancouver. The census was taken during the work of assessment.

George Fletcher, one of the ward foremen in the employ of the city, died suddenly on Saturday. Deceased called at Detective Jackson's residence about 11 o'clock, and complained of feeling unwell. He asked for a drink of warm water, which was given him. He swallowed a little of the liquid, but it did him no good, and he gradually sank. Dr. Jeffs was summoned, but just as he arrived, Mr. Fletcher passed away. Death was due to heart failure. Deceased was a native of Belfast, Ireland, but came to this city five years ago from Port Arthur, where his wife and family at present reside.

ROSSLAND.

The West Kootenay Power & Light Company is making excellent progress with the work at the Bonnington Falls power house. The company is expending from $2,800 to $3,000 per month in wages at Bonnington, and a wing dam now being constructed will further increase the outlay. The canal leading from the river to the turbine pits contained no less than seven feet of debris, which had gathered there in the past four or five years. A power appliance, which grapples the boulders and lifts them out of the channel, is being used to clear the forebay, and, while the work will be in progress for a couple of months to come, the supply of water entering the turbines will shortly be ample to supply all the power required.

Sergeant Joe Squires has received a cheque for $500 from the Canadian Patriotic Fund as compensation for injuries received by him in South Africa.

Rev. Dr. Robinson, formerly pastor of St. Andrew's church here, has received and accepted a unanimous call to the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian church at Dubuque, Iowa. Mrs. Robinson and family leave for the East in about a week to join Dr. Robinson.

NELSON.

Word has been received by the secretary of the Nelson Agricultural and Industrial Association of the incorporation of the association under the provisions of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies' Act. All is now in order for a local exhibition next year.

Messrs. W. A. Applequist and D. Macleod have returned from Alberta, where they have secured 6,500 acres of coal lands for the Alberta Coal & Coke Co.

GRAND FORKS.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, held in Montreal, H. N. Galer, of Grand Forks, assistant to the manager, was appointed assistant general manager, vice A. C. Flumerfelt, who has been appointed assistant to the president, S. C. H. Miner. Mr. Galer will assume his new duties on January 1st.

VERNON.

The furniture store of Campbell Bros. was destroyed by fire recently and their stock was also in a large measure consumed. The insurance on the stock was $9,000 and on the building $1,000.

SPORTING

PING PONG.

CRICKET CLUB TOURNAMENT.

All entries for the tournament to be given by the Victoria Cricket Club must be in by Saturday night. The tourney will be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday following. The lists are kept at Waitt's music store. Some of the best players will be handicapped slightly in order to make matters more even.

THE HUNT.

SATURDAY'S RUN.

The weekly run of the Hunt Club on Saturday was well attended, there being nineteen taking part in it. The rain had made the going somewhat heavy, yet a good run resulted. The route lay through the Transfer fields, Knox's fields, over the head of the Gorge, finishing at Burnside road.

On New Year's day there will be a meet, starting at 11 o'clock from Hillside avenue. The run will be over the Cedar Hill country.

BASKETBALL.

CAPITALS v. BAYS.

An exhibition game was played at the drill hall on Saturday evening between the James Bay and Capital City teams, resulting in a victory for the former, after a very even contest, by 15 to 14.

The pace was fast from the commencement, and the enthusiasm at times ran high. The score was even throughout the game, and not until the blow of the whistle was it definitely known which team would win. For the Capitals, Laing, Peden and Jones did the scoring, while for the Bays the points were made by Smith, Belyea, Simpson and Finlaison.

INTERMEDIATE GAME.

An intermediate league game is scheduled to be played to-morrow evening between the Victoria West and Fernwood teams. It is probable that the game will be postponed, a desire that such action be taken having been expressed by the Fernwoods owing to the holidays.

GOLF.

RESULTS OF TOURNAMENT.

The golf tournament which was in progress during the latter part of last week was concluded on Saturday afternoon at the Oak Bay links.

The results of the different matches follow:

Men's Handicap—First Round, Medal Play.

	Score.	Hcp.	Tl.
A. Gore	126	35	91
H. Combe	92	8.	92
A. H. Goldfinch	92	8.	92
W. F. Burton	106	13	93
A. P. Luxton	101	7	94
D. R. Irvine	105	6	99
C. H. Cookson	127	26	101
D. B. Bogle	115	14	101

Capt. Davidson, Major Jones, R. H. Pooley, A. S. Reed and G. H. Barnard returned no score.

—Final in Men's Handicap match play—A. P. Luxton beat W. F. Burton 6 up and 5 to play.

Men's Foursomes.

	Score.	Hcp.	Tl.
Goldfinch and Irvine	96	3	93
Davidson and Combe	98	8.	98
Luxton and Prior	105	6	99
Crease and Goward	109	10	99
Barnard and Rogers	120	13	107

Cookson and Gamble, Drake and Goward, Bogle and Robertson, Stahlschmidt and Mytton, returned no score.

Ladies' Handicap.

	Score.	Hcp.	Tl.
Mrs. Burton	91	10	81
Miss Drake	84	8.	84
Mrs. A. W. Jones	104	15	89
Mrs. J. W. Laing	104	15	89
Mrs. Langley	90	8.	90
Mrs. Martin	107	15	92

Mrs. Combe, Miss Robertson and Miss Harvey returned no score.

Ladies' Foursomes.

	Score.	Hcp.	Tl.
Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Martin	96	17	79
Mrs. Combe, Mrs. Burton	95	7	88
Mrs. Laing, Miss Harvey	106	15	91

Mrs. Beaven and Miss Pemberton, Mrs. Langley and Miss Drake, returned no score.

Mixed Foursomes.

	Score.	Hcp.	Tl.
Mrs. Jones, A. P. Luxton	81	4	77
Miss Drake, B. H. G. Drake	86	4	82
Mrs. Burton, W. F. Burton	89	5	84
Miss Harvey, H. Combe	85	8.	85
Mr. and Mrs. Davidson	96	8	88
Mrs. Combe, G. A. Kirk	93	4	89
J. D. and Miss Pemberton	101	9	92
Mrs. Laing, Maj. Jones	100	6	94

HOCKEY.

AN EVEN GAME.

The match played on Saturday afternoon between the Royal Artillery and Victoria teams was without doubt the most hotly contested game played here this season. Both teams are strong in forward and defence work and went into the game with the determination to win. The pace throughout was fast, the combination was on the whole first-class, and the individual work in some cases was remarkably good. The score at the finish stood 5 to 3 in favor of Victoria. The members of the home team, however, had to exert themselves both on the forward and defence lines in order to keep ahead of the soldiers, and when they meet the R. A. on their own grounds they will have to play a speedy and at the same time careful game in order to hold their own.

The bully off was taken shortly after 3 o'clock, Schwengers obtaining the puck and starting down the field at a rapid pace. He was checked by De Coursey, and the home team's defence was given a little work. The puck was returned again, passing into the possession of the Victoria forwards. Schwengers passed to York, who sent it across to Gillespie, but this pretty combination work was stopped by Taylor before Gillespie could score. The soldiers' forward division now took a part in the game, and for a few minutes Victoria's goal was threatened. Futcher finally relieved and passed to Rogers, who made one of the neatest dribbling exhibitions of the afternoon. The former player again getting the puck evaded Kellet, the R. A. custodian, for the first time. After the bully off the puck was swept up the field by the R. A. forwards and was almost forced through the goal. The backs, however, managed to stop the onslaught. Hart passed to Tye, who sent it on to Schwengers. The latter took the puck well down the field until checked by De Coursey. The puck was again rushed up, and again the pressure was relieved by Hart. Once more the soldiers got the puck and made an onslaught on Victoria's goal. This time their effort was successful. Although the rush was stopped for a short time by York, finally Taylor sent it through. And now it was Victoria's turn. The local forwards acquitted themselves splendidly, taking the puck from the bully off well down field. The first attempt to score, made by York, was stopped by Kellet, but the second shot, taken by Schwengers, went through, and the home team was once again in the lead. In the time that elapsed between this stage of the game and half time, the soldiers seemed to have the advantage, but their rushes were met by the Victoria defence with success on every occasion.

For the first few minutes after the restart neither team had any material advantage. Futcher got the puck finally and scored. The Victoria back division now had all they could do to keep the soldiers back, and Rivers, finding an opening, scored once more. Lieut. Milliman got an opportunity and sent the puck up field. The rush was stopped by Hart, who passed to Futcher, and the latter passed to Rogers. Rogers shot, but it was stopped by the R. A. custodian. The home team's fourth and fifth goals were scored by Schwengers in quick succession. Before the close the soldiers' forward line made another rush, during which Rivers managed to score. No more points were made by either team.

One of the last goals scored by Schwengers was disputed by the R. A., but as Victoria would win even if this was deducted it is not thought that the matter will be brought before he league executive.

VANCOUVER v. VICTORIA.

The members of the Victoria ladies' hockey team left last night to play the Vancouver team either to-day or to-morrow. The match, if the weather is favorable, will take place this afternoon. The teams follow:

Victoria—Left, A. Futcher and W. Wilson; centre, M. Nason and Edith Shrapnell; right, Lilian Clarke, Eva Shrapnell, M. Wollaston, Edith Reade, B. Baiss, M. Newcombe and M. Gibson; extra, Belle Roberts.

Vancouver—Mrs. Douglas Creighton, Miss Dorothy Taylor, Miss Edith Burpee, Miss Helen Dunn, Miss Watts, Miss Ethel Burpee, Miss Bessie Lawson, Miss Hattie Bowell, Miss Babbington, Miss Bauer, and Miss Verona Grant; Miss Balfour Ker, spare.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

COLUMBIAS v. EGERIA.

The Columbia and Egeria teams played a return game on Saturday afternoon at Beacon Hill, which again resulted in a draw. The local team went on the field confident of being able to defeat the sailors on their own grounds, but they found it a more difficult matter than it seemed. The Egeria's defence repulsed attack after attack with great coolness and steadiness. For the Columbias, Berkeley scored in the first half, while in the same half the sailors put the ball through the goal. No further scoring was done by either team for the remainder of the game, although the Columbias made repeated efforts to send the ball past the Egeria custodian. Special mention should be made of C. Marshall in goal, Berkeley and Lawson on the forward line, and Johnson and Rutherford at half. The game was refereed by F. Richardson.

COBDEN CLUB AND NEW JOURNALISM

To the Editor:—Will you permit me through your columns to correct a misstatement with regard to the Cobden Club which has been deliberately circulated by a London morning paper, published at a halfpenny, and somewhat notorious for the novelty of its journalistic methods. This misstatement has been copied, doubtless in good faith, even by reputable papers.

The editor of the paper in question applied to me recently for a list of the members of the Cobden Club. It was at once supplied. In the list a distinction was clearly drawn between members and honorary members. Ignoring this distinction, the editor picked out the names of a large number of honorary members who are also foreigners, and published them on Nov. 29th as a proof that the Cobden Club was a foreign organization.

The Cobden Club is in no way ashamed of its foreign members. It is proud of them. Many of them are men of great distinction, and all have been elected for their services to the cause of free trade in their own countries. But while the club warmly welcomes these gentlemen as honorary members, they neither contribute to its funds nor control its policy. All this was clearly explained to the editor by letter from myself, and through his own representatives sent out in search of "copy." No withdrawal or apology was made by the editor. On Dec. 3rd and again on Dec. 5th and on Dec. 6th he repeated the false suggestion that the Cobden Club was a foreign organization. In view of these facts I hope you will be able to find room for this letter. Unless honest journals will help to expose such proceedings as these, the public has no protection against an editor, who, in order to create prejudice, knowingly and persistently publishes malignant lies.

HAROLD COX.
Secretary of the Cobden Club.
6 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, W. C.,
December 9th, 1902.

PIGEON POST OFFICES.

German military authorities, inspired by the excellent results obtained by the French during the siege of Paris, have long devoted much attention to the care and development of the "carrier" or homing pigeon. All owners of homing pigeons are compelled by law to put their birds at the government's disposal in time of war.

Military pigeon post stations are maintained at Strasburg, Mayence, Cologne, Kiel and other fortresses. At Spandau a new one has just been established, which is to be the headquarters or general post office for the whole service. Each floor of the large four-story building contains hundreds of dovecotes, and the southern front is enclosed by an immense netting, in which the birds may take air and exercise.

There is also a photographic establishment, for micro-photography is impressed into the pigeon post service. A message of several pages is photographed on a bit of thin collodion film and tied to a tail feather of the messenger.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time that it disinfects. 26

Richmond town council has made a profit of £2,000 on workmen's dwellings, although the scheme was adopted only a year or two ago. It is estimated that in forty years the profit will amount to £34,000.

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Take notice that probate of the will of Patrick Murphy, dated the 4th September, 1891, and codicils dated respectively the 14th August, 1894, and the 1st November, 1898, who died at Kelseyville, California, on the 19th day of November, 1902, was this day granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving to Samuel Perry Mills and Joseph Austen Sayward, the executors therein named.

And take notice that, pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors or to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of January, 1903, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria this 2nd day of December, 1902.

S. PERRY MILLS,
51 Langley Street, Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitor for the Executors.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to revise and consolidate the following Ordinances and Acts, viz.:

The Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867. The Victoria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Fire Companies Aid Ordinance, 1869, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880, and all subsequent amending and consolidating Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1873, and all subsequent amending Acts. The Waterworks Debenture Guarantee Act, 1874, and such sections and provisions of the General Municipal Clauses Acts of the Province as relate particularly to the government of the Municipality of the City of Victoria; also to amend the said Acts, by granting, among other things, to the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria power to pass by-laws for (among other things) any of the purposes, or any of the objects following, i. e.: To continue the existing Ward System, or to abolish the same; to provide, under certain conditions, for the inclusion of outlying districts in the City limits; to limit and define localities in which particular trades or businesses may be carried on; to regulate trades or businesses and the times of closing stores or shops, and to provide for Sunday closing; to prohibit or regulate trading by peddlers, hawkers, and petty chapmen; to erect public wharves and impose and collect tolls for the use thereof; to purchase, construct and operate gas and electric lighting and power and telephone systems; to adopt the existing sub-divisions of City lots and to regulate the further sub-divisions thereof; to administer oaths and examine witnesses under oath in civic enquiries; to enter into contracts extending over a period of years, to borrow money for specific purposes, giving as security the undertaking and guarantee of the City; to make provision for the placing of telephone, electric and other wires underground; to provide a fund for the insurance of civic buildings and property, and a fund for the superannuation of municipal officials and employees; to license clubs; to prohibit slaughter-houses within the city, or to prohibit and regulate existing slaughter-houses and cow-sheds or stables which may, in the opinion of the Council, be a nuisance; to regulate and prohibit the erection, removal and repairing of buildings and the pulling down of buildings erected, removed or repaired in contravention of any by-law; also to validate the existing by-laws of the City; to make provision for the qualifications of voters, the mode of election to civic offices, and the conduct of elections, and the use of voting machines, and to deal with disputed elections and offences at elections, and corrupt practices; to provide for the compulsory ejectment of persons having unlawfully encroached upon the streets or roadways; to provide for the acquisition of additional watersheds and means of increasing the water supply; to provide for the acquisition of additional railways and tramways wholly or partially running within the city; and also to provide for such other amendments, powers and authorities as may be necessary or expedient for the public welfare and the government of the City of Victoria.

Dated this fourth day of December, 1902.

J. M. BRADBURN,
Solicitor for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Lenora Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, and in the Matter of the Winding Up Act and Amending Acts.

The creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 14th day of January, A. D., 1903, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts and claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to John Samuel Henry Matson, of the City of Victoria, the official liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said official liquidator, are, by their solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts and claims, at the Chambers of the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake, at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Tuesday, the 10th day of February, A. D., 1903, at 11 a. m., at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

Dated the 18th day of December, A. D., 1902.

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Dated this 5th day of November, 1902.

S. H. ROBLIN.
P. CROMBIE.

PINE CREEK POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The second annual general meeting of the shareholders of THE PINE CREEK POWER CO., LTD., will be held at the offices of A. L. BELYEA, K. C., No. 26 Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 8th day of January, 1903.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 19th day of December, A. D., 1902.

A. L. BELYEA,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Carolina Ferando, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1902.

MARIA THOMSON.
G. ROBERTS.
By their attorney in fact, Josept Loewen.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Carolina Ferando to Robert Finlayson, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1902.

CAROLINA FERANDO.

NOTICE.

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Dated this 18th day of December, 1902.

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CHAPTER XVI.

A Great Fear.

On reaching Charing-cross Phil got a hasty lunch and then jumped into a hansom and drove to Basil's rooms. On the stairs he met Mrs. Brindle busy polishing a door-knob and apparently enjoying the performance, for she was humming to herself an old love song.

"I presume Mr. Pendarvis is in his studio?" Phil said, carelessly.

"Oh, no," she replied, looking up, "he left some hours ago."

"Left?" he questioned.

"Yes, sir, he's gone away."

"But he will be back again during the day?"

"No, sir, he has gone away for a long time. I don't know when he will be back again."

"Do you mean to say that he has left London?"

"Aye, he said as how he was going to some foreign country a long way off where the climate was warmer than 'tis here."

"Going to a foreign country?" Phil questioned, with knitted brows. "I don't understand."

"No more do I, sir. But he ain't seemed himself for a long time."

"What do you mean by not seeming himself?"

"Well, sir, he ain't done no work, nothing to speak of. He's mooned about all day long just staring at things. He told me he had no heart to work, that it wasn't in him."

"Well?"

"Well, sir, then he decided that he'd go away, that as he couldn't do no work in London he would go somewhere else where likely he could work. For the last week he's been busy tidying up all the time."

"He hasn't been painting then?"

"Painting? He ain't done no painting never since Christmas."

"And did he say where he was going?"

"No, he did not tell me the name of the country, but I believe it is somewhere a long way off. He said he would go and see his father and mother first and say good-bye to them, and then he would go away for a very long time."

"It seems very strange," Phil muttered, half to himself. "He wrote me a week or so ago and he said nothing about going abroad."

"I don't know anything about that," was the reply, "but he's decided to go abroad for weeks now, indeed, he's been doing nothing but clearing up things for the last fortnight or more."

"You mean by clearing up things putting his rooms in order?"

"Yes, sir. He's been very particular; he's cleared up all the litter, put away all his papers in bundles. You can hardly think how tidy he made his rooms before he went away."

"Can I get into his rooms?" Phil questioned.

"No, he's locked the doors and taken the keys with him."

"Then he intends coming back again?"

"Likely enough, but he don't intend to come back again for a very long time."

"Did he say how long?"

"No, he never mentioned coming back. He kept talking about going away and being away a long time, but he never said nothing about coming back."

"And did he seem well in health?"

"Well, not very particular. You see he had the 'flue' just before Christmas. He got the better of that, but he didn't quite get his old self back, if I may so say. He wasn't quite so spry as he was afore he was took, he used to sit around a lot and smoke——"

"Yes?"

"Well, you know all last summer he was just like a bird singing and whistling all the day long. Of course, that wasn't strange because as how his picture was hung in the Academy."

"And he has given up singing since Christmas?" Phil questioned.

"Singing? He ain't done any singing for months now. For a long time afore Christmas he didn't seem in his usual health; that's the reason, I expect, why he took the 'flue.' People who are run down catch it very much quicker than other folk, so the doctor said."

"And he has done no work at all since Christmas?"

"Nothing but tidy up his rooms, as I told you, and getting things ship-shape for going away."

Phil stared at the floor for several moments with a perplexed and anxious look. Why had he gone away in this mysterious fashion? Why had he taken no one into his confidence? Why had he gone to his home to say good-bye to his parents as though he never were coming back again? Why had he been so careful to tie up his papers and put everything into order? To say the least of it his conduct was suspicious, and a great fear began to creep into Phil's heart. That he had been depressed for a very long time he knew, that his illness had increased that depression was more than likely. Was it possible that that depression had become so overwhelming that he had resolved to get rid of it by shuffling out of life? Phil felt a cold perspiration break out all over him. The suggestion was so horrible that he felt his flesh creeping to his finger-ends.

Mrs. Brindle went on polishing the door-knob, and every now and then darting a curious glance at Phil as he stood staring at the floor.

Phil looked up at length, and, with a quiet "Good morning" to Mrs. Brindle, walked slowly down the stairs. On getting into the street, he hesitated for a moment, then turned to the left and walked briskly away. He knew the doctor who had been attending Basil, and resolved to see him at once and have a conversation with him. The fear that under the weight of a great depression, Basil might fling away his life grew steadily in his heart and drove out every other feeling.

On reaching the doctor's house he was shown into the waiting room, and had to take his turn before the doctor could be seen. As it happened, he was the last arrival, and he had to school himself to patience as well as he could while one after another was called out of the waiting room into the consulting room. At last, after what seemed an unconscionably long time, the door was thrown open and the attendant beckoned him to follow.

He found Dr. Dysart sitting before a large writing table with a pen in his hand, and for a moment he went on writing while Phil stood before him. Then he suddenly raised his eyes, and at once rose from his seat."

"Oh, good morning, Mr. Duncan," he said; "I did not know you were in town."

Phil smiled and answered:

"I came up to see my friend, Basil Pendarvis, but I find the bird has flown."

"Indeed!"

"Yes, he left his rooms this morning, and the porter's wife tells me he does not intend to return for a considerable time—that he is, in fact, going abroad, and does not know when he may be back again."

"Ah!" the doctor said, raising his eyebrows slightly. "He said nothing of his intention to me."

"It is on his account I have called this morning," Phil said, "so that I am not consulting you professionally, if I may say so—that is, I have not come on my own account."

"I am quite at your service," the doctor said, smiling.

"Well, the truth is," Phil went on, "I am very much concerned about Pendarvis. You know he was very much depressed before his illness."

"Yes, I understand; some love affair, I believe?"

"And since his illness," Phil went on, without heeding the doctor's interrogation, "I understand that his depression has increased."

"He has certainly been very low spirited," the doctor answered, cautiously.

"Well, the point I want to get at is this—and I am sure you will excuse me speaking plainly—do people, when laboring under this particular form of depression, ever take their own lives?"

The doctor raised his eyebrows still higher, and gave a little start.

"Why, surely you do not fear——"

"I hardly know what I fear," Phil interrupted. "There is something very mysterious about his movements. He wrote to me a week ago, and said nothing of his intention to go abroad, yet his landlady tells me that he has done no work since Christmas, that he has not even attempted to paint anything, that he has spent all his time in tidying up his room and putting his papers and sketches in order. He has gone off to his home, wherever that may be, to say good-bye to his parents before taking a long journey. All this is very strange. I am, perhaps, his most intimate friend, and yet he has never alluded to the matter in writing to me."

"His conduct is a little singular, I admit," the doctor answered, slowly. 'Still, I do not see anything to be alarmed about."

"But the question is, Do people under such conditions ever develop suicidal mania?"

"Well, to be quite candid," the doctor answered, "they do."

"You have known patients who have suffered from the depression which follows influenza take their own lives?"

"Unfortunately I have known several cases of the kind."

"Then it would not be something altogether unheard of if Basil were to do the same thing?"

"Certainly not; such cases are occurring constantly."

"But in such cases is there always a predisposing cause—that is, is there some latent taint of insanity in the blood?"

"Not necessarily, by any means; indeed, I have known several cases where there was no hint or suggestion of insanity in any member of the family, and yet——"

"That is what I wanted to get at," Phil interrupted. "But before I go, just one other question. Would you consider Basil Pendarvis a likely man to commit such an act?"

"Ah! that is a question very difficult to answer," the doctor said, cautiously. "There is no doubt that he is a very sensitive man; he feels things much more deeply than some men would feel them; he has a very finely wrought nervous organism—in other words, he has the artistic temperament highly developed. Such people are much more emotional, they get up into heights of rapture and sink down into depths of despair than the average phlegmatical individual knows nothing about."

"Which means, if he were depressed at all, that he would be badly depressed?"

"That is so."

For two or three seconds the two men stood looking at each other in silence; then Phil remarked quietly, as if speaking to himself:

"I really don't know what should be done under the circumstances. I confess I am getting very anxious about him. Could you suggest anything?"

"Well," said the doctor, speaking with great deliberation, "after what you have told me about his movements, if he were a relative of mine I should try to get him into cheerful company, take him away out of himself, if possible, and carefully watch his movements."

"Such depression is only temporary, I presume?" Phil questioned.

"Well, it lasts longer in some cases than it does in others, but in all cases complete recovery is not only probable but certain, given time and patience."

"Then your deliberate opinion is that Basil's is a case that needs watching?"

"I should not have said so yesterday," the doctor answered, speaking slowly; "but, then, I did not know yesterday what you have just now told me. The case as represented to me now, I should say, is one that should be looked after. All cases of nervous depression, have, of course, in them an element of danger."

"Thank you, doctor, I will act upon your suggestion," and with a hasty "Good morning," he left the room.

Outside he hailed a cab and drove back again to the big pile of buildings in which Basil had rooms. His object was to get the address of Basil's parents, and so follow him up by letter or telegram.

He found Mrs. Brindle in her small kitchen engaged in the mysterious art of making pie-crust.

"Excuse me, Mrs. Brindle," he said, apologetically, "but I forgot when I was here this morning to ask for the address of Mr. Pendarvis's parents."

"Oh, lor!" she said, lifting her hands out of the flour bowl and knitting her brows, "what is the name of the place? I do believe I have quite forgotten it."

"It is somewhere in Cornwall, I think," Phil said. "I believe he told me when we first met that he was a Cornishman."

"Aye, it is somewhere away in one of them outlandish places," Mrs. Brindle said with an air of superiority; "but if you will wait a few moments I believe I shall be able to find it," and wiping her hands in her apron she began to turn some ornaments that were on the mantelpiece upside down and empty their contents on the table.

"I picked up a label as dropped off his luggage yesterday morning," she said, "and I put it into one of these ornaments somewhere, or else I put it into a drawer. I know I put it somewhere for safety."

"He did not ask you to forward any letters to him, then?"

"No; he said whatever came for him was to stay until somebody turned up to claim them."

Phil shut his lips tightly, but did not reply.

Mrs. Brindle had quite a large array of ornaments on her mantelpiece, and they were all filled with a miscellaneous assortment of papers, buttons, pieces of string, safety-pins, matches, screws, nails, hooks-and-eyes, corks, and nearly every other conceivable kind of lumber that could be stowed away into a small space. As is usually the case, Mrs. Brindle could find everything but the thing she sought. One after another the ornaments were turned out on the table, and it was not until the last on the list was reached that the missing label was found.

"Ah, here it is," she said, excitedly. "I knowed I had put it somewhere for safety," and she handed it to Phil.

"Pendarvis, Penzolan, Cornwall," was written in a bold hand; then in the left hand bottom corner, "G.W.R. to Clearwater Station."

"This gives me all the information I require," he said, a little excitedly. "Much obliged to you, Mrs. Brindle. Good day," and he hurried out of the house.

Hailing another cab, he drove at once to his club, got out a Bradshaw, and spread the map in front of him. He was not long in discovering that Penzolan was on the Atlantic seaboard and a good many miles from Clearwater railway station. Then he turned to the time-table, and discovered that it was a day's journey from Paddington to Penzolan.

"He won't have reached there yet," he said to himself, looking across at a clock on the mantelpiece; "and if I write him now he may possibly get my letter to-morrow evening, though that is doubtful, for the post moves slowly in those outlying districts. I wonder if I should send him a telegram," and he sat back in his chair and closed his eyes and debated the question with himself. Finally he decided that a telegram might be dangerous and fail altogether to accomplish the end he had in view.

"Nothing must be done to awaken Basil's suspicion," he said to himself; and he got up from his chair and walked across to a writing-table and began to write.

But after he had written a couple of pages, he laid down his pen. It did not seem quite easy to say what he wished to say. If he had only arrived two or three hours earlier on the scenes—before Basil had taken his departure—and could have explained things in such a way that no suspicion would be aroused in his mind; but on paper the sentences seemed crude and strained and hard. He tore the letter into pieces at length, and threw it into the waste paper basket; then he sat back in his chair and closed his eyes again. After a while he consulted the timepiece a second time.

"No, it is no use following him to-night," he said. "I can't get there; moreover, coming down through the night would of itself awaken his suspicion. I wonder if I dare follow him to-morrow?"

The more he thought of this the more the idea commended itself to him.

"If I can only get a quiet talk with him, I feel sure I can put matters straight," he muttered; "and that is the only course open to me."

He retired to the dining room at length and ordered dinner, and by the time he had finished his meal he had fully made up his mind to travel down into Cornwall on the following day.

He slept very little that night; his brain was in a whirl, his imagination kept picturing all kinds of horrible possibilities; he felt sure, from all the evidence that he could gather, that Basil meant mischief.

Next morning he was stirring early. He would thankfully have slept an hour longer, but he was too excited to snatch even a moment's nap.

The journey from Paddington to Clearwater Station seemed the longest he ever took in his life. So much seemed to be hanging in the balance. A few minutes longer or shorter might mean all the difference between life and death. It was an express train, and kept capital time; and yet, to his excited brain, it seemed to crawl between station and station.

Slowly the day wore on and faded into darkness. The stars came out and blinked through the carriage windows. The foot-warmers had radiated all their heat, the cold wind whistled through the chinks of the door.

At last! At last! He jumped out of the carriage, feeling numbed and cramped. He cast a hasty glance round him, and felt as though he had been landed in the middle of a desert—save for the flickering station lamps not a light was visible anywhere.

He was the only passenger; the porter was affable and obliging.

"Carriage, sur? Of course, sur, there's a livery stable round 'ere at the back. You just follow me, sur. Two hosses? Well, now, I caan't say for that; but you come round, and we'll inquire."

It seemed an age to Phil before a carriage was ready.

"You know the way?" he questioned as the driver mounted the box.

"Every inch of it, sur."

"Then drive for your life."

(To be continued.)

CIGARETTE SMOKING IN SIAM.

The cigarette and the betel nut are universally used, not only by men, but by women and children. However, the tobacco is quite mild and is smoked very slowly. My carriers in the jungle would take two or three puffs and then thrust their cigarettes into holes in the lobes of their ears. There the cigarette would remain for an hour or two, when one would be relighted, puffed a few times more and returned again to the ear. Sometimes my men would carry three half consumed cigarettes at once, one in each ear and one on the top of the ear. Betel nut chewing, with its invariable concomitants of lime and a green leaf, so stains the teeth and lips that it is a disgusting habit to a foreigner, but the dark red color is highly prized by the Siamese, and physicians told me that the habit is not so deleterious to health as the tobacco habit in America.—Great Round World.

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The Honorable Mr. Justice Irving has, by an order dated the 15th day of December, A. D., 1902, appointed John Samuel Henry Matson, of the MacGregor Block, in the City of Victoria, to be official liquidator of the above named Company.

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Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM JAMES MACAULAY, DECEASED, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Take notice that, pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executrix or to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of January, 1903, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that the said executrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of December, 1902.

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Municipal Election, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required, during the month of December, to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking Affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act." This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Victoria, at his office, City Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration.

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Victoria, B. C., Nov. 20th, 1902.

Estate of Jos. Keir, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of Jos. Keir, deceased, late of Somenos, Vancouver Island, are required to send particulars of such claim to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, 1903, after which date the executrix will proceed to distribute the assets amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall have then have had notice.

Dated this first day of December, 1902, Duncans, B. C.

JOHN N. EVANS, Attorney for Executrix, Martha Smithe, Duncans.

Take notice that at the expiration of thirty days from this date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease for fishing purposes the foreshore (including the rights attached thereto) in Metchosin District, fronting a part of my property at Pedder Bay: Commencing at a post marked "A. T. W., N. E. Cor.," planted on the shore at a point between high and low water mark at or near the southerly end of the boundary line between the William Head Quarantine Station and my property, thence seaward in continuation of said boundary line one half mile, thence west one half mile, thence north to shore line and easterly along the shore line to place of beginning, and including the foreshore and land covered with water.

Dated at Victoria this 26th day of November, 1902.

A. T. WATT.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Crown Grant or a lease of the foreshore opposite my land, being a portion of the S. E. quarter of Section 11, Township 11, Renfrew District, commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of the S. E. ¼ Section 11, Township 11, Renfrew District, which is twenty-two chains eighty-five links south of the N. E. corner of the ¼ Section; thence in a south and westerly direction, following the shore line and crossing the slough at the narrowest point; thence in a southeasterly direction, following the shore line to its intersection with the southern boundary; thence east along such boundary to the middle of the channel; thence in a N. E. direction, following such middle line of channel to the eastern boundary, and thence following eastern boundary to point of commencement.

Dated at Victoria this 27th day of November, 1902.

FRANK V. HOBBS.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from this date I intend making application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in the Sayward District of British Columbia, viz.: Lot 375 Sayward District, containing 163 acres more or less.

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES YESTERDAY

At the St. Andrew's Presbyterian and Metropolitan Methodist Churches —Entertainments.

Last evening the services at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church were of a character especially appropriate to the Christmas season. The auditorium was tastefully decorated with holly, holly berries, ivy and flowers. There was a large attendance. The choir sang an extensive programme of Christmas selections most acceptably. In the anthem, the solo part was taken by Miss McAlpine, aided by Miss Haughton and Miss King, all of whom acquitted themselves well. Solos were given throughout the service by different members of the choir. Rev. W. Leslie Clay took for the subject of his sermon "Christmastide." He traced the origin of the observance of the 25th of December as the day of the birth of Jesus Christ. Why that day had been decided upon was not known, but tradition must have pointed strongly to it as the day of the birth of the Christ, as it was generally accepted by the church of the early days. The Eastern church, it was true, had originally observed the 6th of January, but they too had finally adopted the 25th of December as well as the 6th day of the New Year. He explained how the day had been celebrated down through the ages. In England and Scotland in the middle ages the practise of observing the day gradually deteriorated until it was made the occasion of carousal. This gradually became so marked that a law was passed prohibiting these unseemly festivities. Since then the observance of Christmas Day had become more as it should be. Rev. Mr. Clay announced, before the close, that services will be held in St. Andrew's church on New Year's morning between 11 and 12 o'clock.

The Christmas cantata rendered in the school room of the Metropolitan Methodist church yesterday afternoon was a success in every respect. It was almost impossible to find seats for the large number of parents and friends of the school who were in attendance. Words of praise were heard from many as to the merits of the performance. The instrumental part of the cantata was rendered by the Sunday school orchestra under the able leadership of A. Parfitt. The annual Christmas treat for the school will be held to-morrow evening, and will consist of a banquet for all members of the school, including the Home department, from 6 to 7.30 o'clock, after which a meeting will be held in the church, to which the general public are invited. The programme will include instrumental selections by the orchestra, dialogues, songs and recitations by the scholars. There will be no admission fee. On Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock the primary department will have its annual treat. A Christmas tree, laden with good things for the pupils, will be stripped by Santa Claus, and refreshments will be served to those in attendance. The parents of the scholars and the members of the cradle department with their parents, are especially invited.

On Wednesday the annual reception will be held by the Senior and Excelsior Leagues of the church. This reception is especially arranged for the young men of the city, but all are invited. Special music will be rendered during the evening by the Sunday school orchestra. Games will be provided and refreshments will be served.

To-morrow evening in the Odd Fellows' hall, Fernwood road, the annual Christmas entertainment of St. Barnabas church Sunday school will be held. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock and an excellent programme of musical selections, vocal and instrumental, recitations, etc., will be given by the pupils. A tree laden with presents will then be stripped and the gifts distributed by Santa Claus.

The anual treat of the Sunday school of Knox Presbyterian church, Spring Ridge, will be held to-morrow evening in the schoolroom, which has been prettily decorated for the occasion. Tea will be served promptly at 5 o'clock, after which an excellent programme by pupils of the school, and by the school as a whole, will be rendered. All parents and friends are specially invited to attend.

To-morrow evening the children of St. Columbia Presbyterian church, Oak Bay, will hold their Christmas treat. A good musically programme has been prepared and will be rendered. Santa Claus has provided a handsome Christmas tree, from which gifts will be given the children. An enjoyable time is anticipated.

This evening in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, the annual Christmas entertainment of that school will take place. From 5.30 to 6.30 supper will be served, after which a programme will be rendered, followed by the distribution of presents.

The Sons and Daughters of St. George will hold their annual Christmas tree on Wednesday evening, December 31st. A good programme has been prepared. Gifts will be distributed. Members are requested to bring refreshments.

To-morrow from 3 to 5 p.m. the Christmas tree for the Protestant Orphans' Home will be given. Santa Claus will distribute the numerous gifts on the tree during the afternoon to the children. All friends of the Home are cordially invited to be present.

Next Friday evening the choir of the Emmanuel Baptist church, assisted by Prof. E. P. Fletcher, George Watson and others, will give a grand sacred concert of Christmas music in that church. The choir have been faithfully rehearsing for this event for some weeks past, and it is expected that all who attend will enjoy the music then rendered. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

The pupils of the Spring Ridge Methodist church will hold their regular annual Christmas treat to-morrow evening. An excellent programme will be given and a handsome Christmas tree will be stripped.

The James Bay Methodist Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas tree in the church this evening at 7.30 o'clock. A good programme of instrumentals, recitations, dialogues and choruses has been arranged under the direction of Mr. Gilbert, Miss Nellie Spencer and Miss Bertha Fick.

FROM WEST AFRICA.

Country Rich With Minerals but Death Lurks There.

T. S. Beal, a Canadian, who has been in the van of civilization in several parts of the globe, has just returned from the Gold Coast of Africa to herald the wonders of that land. Mr. Beal is the possessor of a gold concession, granted by a native king; and he intends to organize a company for the exploration and development of his claim. He was in Toronto the other day on his way home to wife and family in Windsor, after an absence of five months.

The gold on the west coast of Africa, Mr. Beal says, is the richest in the world. It is worth $18.25 an ounce, while Klondike gold is sold at $17.50. It is softer than the Canadian ore, and of a rich, reddish color. The ore is found in decayed quartz, which yields 4½ ounces to the ton. Much Australian, English and American capital has already been invested in the Wassau, Ashanti, and Kumassi groups of mines; and two "fifty" stampers are now on their way to Seconde, from which point a railway is now building to tap the quartz district, a hundred and fifty miles in the interior. The English companies are endeavoring to get Newcastle coal miners to go out to work the fields, offering them £25 a month. But death hangs over the land in the shape of malaria. A white man cannot live there, says Mr. Beal. Professor Ross, the great London specialist, who made experiments for some of the large companies, has ordered vast quantities of vitriol to be sent out and scattered through the swamps for the purpose of destroying the mosquitoes, which carry the plague. Should this plan prove effective, Mr. Beal prophesies a rush for the coast, which will rival that for California in '49.

On his way to the coast from the interior Mr. Beal traversed a country where the foot of a white man had never trod, describing a semi-circle and coming out at Acra, instead of following the trail back to the town of Cape Coast. The trip occupied nine days, during which the explorer lived on wild fruit.

It appears that while Great Britain maintains whatever there is of law and order in the country, the gold fields are in the hands of native kings, whose name is legion, chief among them being King Primprah, now in jail for complicity in the massacre of whites in Ashanti. Mr. Beal's location is in the Bibionni gold fields, in the State of Sifu, a hundred and eighty miles from the coast. Copper and platinum are found in abundance besides the gold, and coal has been discovered still further in the interior. Mr. Beal says that traces exist of ancient mine workings, and declares that the natives worked gold into ornaments and iron into weapons, hundreds, or perhaps thousands, of years ago.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

EAST KOOTENAY'S LUMBER.

The Cut Next Year Will Be Over 80,000,000 Feet.

"Six years ago there was one small sawmill in this district, and valuable timber limits were passed up as hardly worth noticing," says the Morrissey Miner. "Now the lumber business has become one of the great industries in the district, and next year millions of feet will be manufactured for export. Mills have been put in all along the Kootenay, Moyie and Elk valleys, and a vast army of men are employed at the mills and in the timber.

"It is estimated that the cut next year will aggregate between 80,000,000 and 90,000,000 feet for lumber, and between 30,000,000 and 40,000,000 feet more for ties, which will mean the employing of 700 to 1,000 men.

"The capacity of the various mills are estimated as follows: Coton, at Crow's Nest, 2,000,000; Carbon Creek Lumber Company, 2,000,000; Fernie Lumber Company, 5,000,000; Mott & Son Company, Fernie, 5,000,000; Cedar Valley Improvement Company, Fernie and Morrissey, 5,000,000; McCrea Lumber Company, Coal Creek, 5,000,000; Robinson-McKenzie Lumber Company, Cranbrook, 5,000,000; Leask & Slater, Cranbrook, 5,000,000; Laurie Lumber Company and Finch & Jones, Marysville, 4,000,000; East Kootenay Lumber Company, four mills, 20,000,000; Moyie Lumber Company, 12,000,000; Crow's Nest Lumber Company, Wardner, 12,000,000; Hayes Lumber Company, Elk Mouth, 2,000,000.

"This means, of course, a vast amount of work this winter in getting out logs for next season's cut."

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Already Over Twenty Thousand Persons Have Died and the Disease is Spreading.

The School of Tropical Medicine, London, has issued a report on the sleeping sickness which is now devastating Uganda. Though it was discovered only a few years ago, it is computed that the disease has already killed from 20,000 to 30,000 people, and is spreading to new areas with increasing virulence. Its extension to the north will be of the greatest menace to Egypt.

Scientific reports made on the spot describe the sleeping sickness as a complaint something like that group of diseases known as meningitis, or inflammation of the brain. It begins insiduously with changes in the mental attitude of the patient.

From that time the disease progresses and the patient becomes stupid and restless, and after other symptoms have passed, enters into a state of coma and dies. The duration of the complaint varies from a month in acute cases to six months or more in others.

The disease is almost invariably fatal, and although taking longer to cause death than hydrophobia, may be classed with the latter as one of the most fatal illnesses known to mankind. It is contagious, and its spread is assured by overcrowding of many individuals in the same huts. The depopulation of many large and thickly populated areas is making itself felt, and the outlook is very gloomy.

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KICKED HIS SHINS.

A Divorce Suit in High Life in England.

A divorce suit, involving persons in high society has been commenced in the London courts. It is the case of Sir Charles Hartopp against his wife, who is a famous beauty. The Earl of Cowley is named as co-respondent. Counsel for Captain Hartopp, in opening the case, said the trouble had started through Lady Hartopp's selection of her friends. She had gone alone to the chambers of Sir John Willoughby to take tea, and had also shared his sitting room at the Hotel Brighton. Counsel for the plaintiff also asserted that Lady Hartopp had suggested that her husband permit her to procure a divorce in consideration of the payment by her of £20,000, but that her husband had refused.

Lady Hartopp met the Earl of Cowley in the hunting field in Leicestershire. He helped her to take a cottage and to furnish it. A relative, Lord Gerard, drafted a proposal that the Hartopps should live together for six months, and that if they still disagreed the husband should then allow himself to be divorced. Sir Charles refused this also. Lady Hartopp accuses her husband of striking her.

Sir Charles Hartopp, who is a short, clean-shaved, bald man, 15 years older than his wife, was called to the witness stand. He denied that he had struck or kicked his wife. On the day of the marriage of her sisters, he said, she kicked him upon both shins when he remonstrated with her about her friendships. He admitted that his wife's father gave him £10,000 to pay his racing and card-playing debts at the time of his marriage.

Lady Hartopp and her sisters, including the Countess of Chesterfield, were present in court. They are the pieces of Mr. Arthur Wilson, of Tranby Croft, Hull, which became celebrated during the baccarat scandal.

A MILLIONAIRE FARMER.

Thomas B. Lawson, Who Built the Independence, Goes in for Stock Raising.

A man of extravagance is the versatile Mr. Thomas B. Lawson, of Boston. He once paid $30,000 for a single flower, "The Lawson Pink." He spent a small fortune building a cup defender, the Independence, which, when she could not qualify, he broke up that Boston might have souvenirs, and now, after two years' work, a thousand men have finished improving a farm worth a million dollars at Egypt, Massachusetts, which he has stocked with cattle, one animal alone—an American journalist tells us—costing $50,000.

Dreamwold is the name of the farm, and it is Mr. Lawson's ambition to make the place the greatest stock-breeding station in the country, upon which should be found only the most perfect-blooded examples of American-bred stock. Particularly is this his ambition with regard to horses. He has stocked the farm with the best animals of every strain—from ponies for children to the enormous prize draught horses and racing stock. Several farms were bought and joined in one. Each inch of the place had to be gone over, and a vast number of rocks of all sizes had to be grubbed out. He could have bought much better land than this for less money than it cost him to clear this tract, but he disregarded all advice, saying: "Anyone can buy a farm, but it isn't everyone who can make one." And so the work proceeded. Each separate building had special ornamental work designed for it. Special designs were made for the iron fences, the gates and the knockers on the doors. Each detail is a thing of beauty, and costly in the extreme. When it is time to take the census there will be 250 horses, 150 dogs, 50 cows and about 2,000 hens and pigeons on the place. Mr. Lawson, who is variously known as "Lawson, of Boston," "Boston's greatest tape watcher," "the pamphlet king," has also just published a "pamphlet," a super-royal octavo volume, with rich deckel-edged paper, illustrations in color and a binding resplendent in white and gold, bearing the royal name, "The Lawson History of the America Cup."

MASQUERADED AS A MAN.

Fell and Broke Ankle and Her Sex Was Revealed—Twice Married.

After 10 years' masquerading as a man, the unmasking came suddenly for "Harry" Norman and disclosed her to be a woman. The disclosure was caused by an icy sidewalk at Buffalo.

At 11 o'clock at night an Emergency hospital ambulance was called out and Ambulance Surgeon Cutting found a person lying on the sidewalk, disabled by a fractured ankle. The injured individual was short and thickly set, being about 5 feet 3 inches in height, and was clad in checked trousers of cheap material, brown coat, blue shirt, and blue cap, with leather peak. The patient was lifted into the ambulance and taken to the Emergency hospital. When laid upon the operating table and under the light, the surgeon noticed that although about 34 years old, the sufferer's face was remarkably beardless, and next discovered that the hands and feet were small for a man. With their suspicion aroused by these facts, the surgeon learned before the operation of setting the broken ankle was over that the patient was a woman.

The woman went to the States from England ten years ago, and found no welcome from employers who had work to give out. The work was not suitable for a woman, they said. Determined to make her way, she donned men's clothes and since that time has drifted from one position to another, finding no difficulty in obtaining work. Up to the time of the unfortunate accident that revealed her secret she was employed as cook in Jack's Quick Lunch House, in Seneca street, Buffalo.

On September 26th, 1896, "Harry" was married by Ald. Joseph Butler to Agnes Gordon. At the time of the marriage the bridegroom gave the age as 32 years, occupation cook, and birthplace, Yorkshire, Eng. This was "his" second marriage.

THE CHINESE EMPRESS.

How She Entertains Her Guests at the Imperial Palace.

Her August Majesty Tze His An, Dowager Empress of China, and her worthy auopted son, His Imperial Majesty Kwang Hsu, offer a charming contrast to the angry passions of the Spanish royalties. Recently, to mark the renewal of perfectly good relations between China and the powers, the worthy Empress Dowager gave a "pink tea" to the ladies of the embassies and ministries at Pekin. It is reported that Her Celestial Majesty was urbanity itself; there was something even kittenish and sprightly in her greeting to her guests. This dear old lady, who was so universally anathematized only two years ago, and who was reported by the veracious news-providers of Shanghai to have boiled two or three ambassadors in oil or filled them up with melted lead, was decked, it seems, in a magnificent gown of blue silk, embroidered with golden butterflies and birds. Her hair was done in the Manchurian fashion, with two huge bows, or butterflies, at the side, and her smile was sweet and winning. Emperor Kwang Hsu stood beside his adopted mamma, sweet-tempered and affable, his olive face lit up with a playful smile. He allowed the dear old lady to do all the talking, through a charming Chinese damsel, the daughter of a former Chinese minister to Berlin, who speaks German and English fluently. The Dowager Empress wore high-heeled shoes—a somewhat necessary precaution, if, as is credibly reported, she is even shorter in stature than was Queen Victoria, the two august ladies, who, between them, governed half the human race, averaging something less than five feet in height. Most amusing was the end of this reception, for the Dowager retired to her bedroom, taking two of her lady guests with her, and all three climbed into a huge bed, where, it is said, they played cat's cradles. This particularly delighted Kwang Hsu, who came in while the game was going on. Altogether, these royal personages, the world over, are very much in the public eye in this so-called twentieth century.—Harper's Weekly.

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TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B. C., December, 1902.

(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.
1 ..	7 03	7.8	9 09	7.1	13 16	8.7	21 52	1.4
2 ..	7 51	7.9	9 56	7.8	13 34	8.4	22 27	1.6
3 ..	8 36	8.0	11 00	7.8	13 46	8.1	23 04	1.9
4 ..	9 14	8.0	12 22	7.7	13 46	7.7	23 43	2.3
5 ..	9 33	8.0						
6 ..	0 23	2.8	9 02	7.9				
7 ..	1 04	3.4	9 06	8.0				
8 ..	1 47	4.0	9 20	8.1	19 26	5.2	21 33	5.3
9 ..	2 32	4.7	9 39	8.3	18 06	4.6	23 54	5.5
10 ..	3 23	5.4	10 03	8.6	18 13	3.6	....	..
11 ..	2 18	6.1	4 27	6.0	10 33	8.9	18 39	2.7
12 ..	3 16	6.7	5 31	6.5	11 08	9.3	19 15	1.7
13 ..	3 58	7.2	6 30	6.9	11 46	9.6	19 55	0.9
14 ..	4 38	7.7	7 25	7.2	12 27	9.8	20 37	0.3
15 ..	5 16	8.1	8 19	7.4	13 11	9.8	21 20	0.1
16 ..	5 53	8.2	9 16	7.5	13 56	9.5	22 03	0.2
17 ..	6 28	8.4	0 18	7.4	14 43	9.0	22 46	0.6
18 ..	7 01	8.5	11 26	7.2	15 34	8.3	23 30	1.2
19 ..	7 32	8.6	12 43	6.8	16 39	7.4	....	..
20 ..	0 13	2.1	8 00	8.6	14 08	6.2	18 16	6.6
21 ..	1 01	3.1	8 25	8.7	15 39	5.3	20 09	6.0
22 ..	1 47	4.1	8 48	8.7	16 42	4.5	22 27	5.7
23 ..	2 34	5.1	9 12	8.8	17 38	3.7	....	..
24 ..	1 27	6.1	3 24	6.0	9 30	8.9	18 27	3.0
25 ..	3 06	6.8	4 17	6.8	10 09	9.0	19 04	2.5
26 ..	4 00	7.4	5 13	7.3	10 41	9.1	19 32	2.1
27 ..	4 46	7.8	6 12	7.7	11 15	9.1	19 50	1.8
28 ..	5 28	8.0	7 12	7.9	11 50	9.0	20 28	1.6
29 ..	6 07	8.2	8 09	8.0	12 22	8.9	20 58	1.6
30 ..	6 42	8.2	9 03	8.0	32 50	8.7	21 30	1.7
31 ..	7 18	8.1	9 54	7.9	13 15	8.5	22 04	1.9

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Esquimalt (at Dry Dock)—From observations during six months, May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. Denison.

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7—Montreal and Kingston Sts., James Bay.
8—Montreal and Simcoe Sts., James Bay.
9—Dallas Rd. and Simcoe St., James Bay.
14—Vancouver and Burdette Sts.
15—Douglas and Humboldt Sts.
16—Humboldt and Rupert Sts.
21—Yates and Broad Sts.
23—Fort and Government Sts.
24—Yates and Wharf Sts.
25—Johnson and Government Sts.
26—Douglas St., between Fort and View.
27—Headquarters Fire Dept., Cormorant St.
31—View and Blanchard Sts.
32—Fort and Quadra Sts.
34—Yates and Cook Sts.
35—Cadboro Bay Rd. and Stanley Ave.
36—Junction Oak Bay and Cadboro Bay Rds.
37—Cadboro Bay and Richmond Rds.
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52—Government and Princess Sts.
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56—Oaklands Fire Hall.
61—Cormorant and Store Sts.
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BIRTH.

CHURCH—On the 26th inst., the wife of J. E. Church, of a daughter.

BERNARD—At Vancouver, on Dec. 25th, the wife of George M. Bernard, of a son.

MARRIED.

WELLS-THORDESON—At New Westminster, on Dec. 24th, by Rev. A. E. Vert, C. Wells and Miss Ella Thordeson.

M'KENZIE-SEVERANCE—At New Westminster, on Dec. 25th, John K. McKenzie and Miss Millie G. Severance.

HOLMSTAD-FOSS—At Vancouver, on Dec. 24th, by Rev. E. E. Scott, Fred. J. Holmstad and Miss Emma Foss.

COE-ANGLES—At Vancouver, on Dec. Dec. 25th, by Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland, Eli Stover and Miss Nellie L. Winters.

COE-ANGLES—At Vancouver, on Deec. 25th, by Rev. R. Grant, William Coe and Miss May Angles.

GRANT-TURNER—At New Westminster, on Dec. 27th, by Rev. A. Shildrick, J. B. Grant and Miss Annie Turner.

DIED.

ROSS—At Vancouver, on Dec. 27th, Flora Annie, widow of the late Major John Ross, of Tilley, Corthie, Aberdeenshire, and second daughter of the late Kenneth MacKinnon, of Corry, Isle of Skye, aged 65 years.

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